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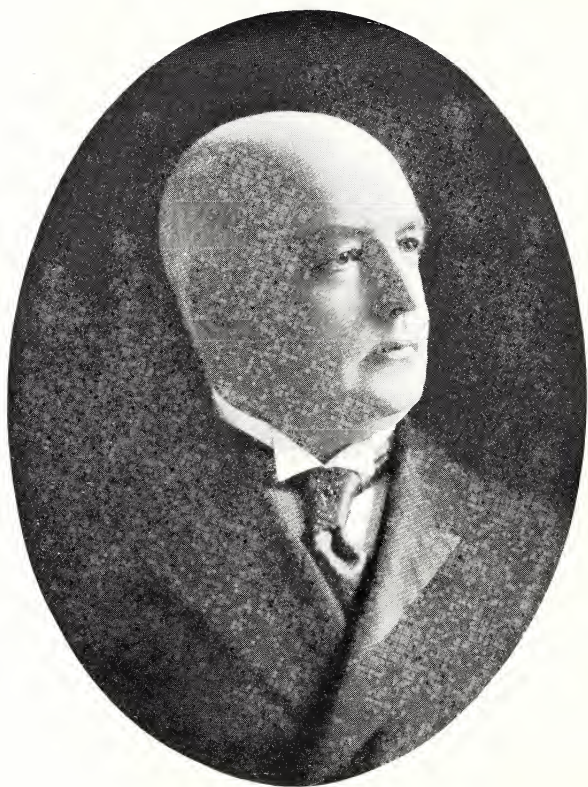
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GRAND MASTER  
1906 AND 1907

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A LIST OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF  
NORTH CAROLINA, FROM 1787 TO 1906, INCLUSIVE, AND  
DATES WHEN ELECTED.

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Samuel Johnston.....1787	P. A. Holt.....1855, 1856
Richard Caswell.....1788	Alfred Martin.....1857, 1858
Samuel Johnston.....1789, 1790, 1791	Lewis S. Williams.....1859, 1860
William R. Davie.....1792, 1793, 1794, 1795, 1796, 1797, 1798	W. G. Hill.....1861
William Polk.....1799, 1800, 1801	E. F. Watson.....1862, 1863
John Louis Taylor.....1802, 1803, 1804	John McCormick.....1864
John Hall.....1805, 1806, 1807	E. J. Reade.....1865, 1866
Benjamin Smith.....1808, 1809, 1810	R. W. Best.....1867
Robert Williams.....1811, 1812, 1813	Robert B. Vance.....1868, 1869
John Louis Taylor.....1814, 1815, 1816	Charles C. Clark.....1870, 1871
Calvin Jones.....1817, 1818, 1819	John Nichols.....1872, 1873
John A. Cameron.....1820, 1821	George W. Blount.....1874, 1875
James Strudwick Smith.....1822	Horace H. Munson.....1876, 1877
Robert Strange.....1823, 1824	William R. Cox.....1878, 1879
H. G. Burton.....1825, 1826	Henry F. Grainger.....1880, 1881
L. D. Wilson.....1827, 1828, 1829	Robert Bingham.....1882, 1883, 1884
R. D. Speight, Jr.....1830, 1831	Fabius H. Busbee.....1885, 1886
S. J. Baker.....1832	C. H. Robinson.....1887, 1888
S. F. Patterson.....1833, 1834	Samuel H. Smith.....1889, 1890
L. H. Marsteller.....1835, 1836	Hezekiah A. Gudger.....1891, 1892
D. W. Stone.....1837, 1838, 1839	John W. Cotten.....1893, 1894
S. J. Baker.....1840	Francis M. Moya.....1895, 1896
D. L. Crenshaw.....1841	Walter E. Moore.....1897, 1898
J. H. Wheeler.....1842, 1843	Richard J. Noble.....1899
P. W. Fanning.....1844, 1845, 1846	B. S. Royster.....1900, 1901
Wm. F. Collins.....1847, 1848, 1849	H. I. Clark.....1902, 1903
A. T. Jerkins.....1850, 1851, 1852	W. S. Liddell.....1904, 1905
Clement H. Jordan.....1853, 1854	Francis D. Winston.....1906





## PROCEEDINGS.

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**T**HE Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in its One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall in the City of Raleigh, on Tuesday evening, January 8th, A. D. 1907, at 7:30 o'clock, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M. W. F. D. WINSTON.....	Grand Master.
R. W. S. M. GATTIS.....	Deputy Grand Master.
“ R. N. HACKETT.....	Senior Grand Warden.
“ W. B. McKOY.....	Junior Grand Warden.
“ LEO D. HEARTT.....	Grand Treasurer.
“ JOHN C. DREWRY.....	Grand Secretary.
W. F. N. SKINNER.....	Grand Chaplain.
“ B. W. HATCHER.....	Grand Lecturer.
“ F. M. WINCHESTER.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
“ J. T. ALDERMAN.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
“ F. P. HOBGOOD, JR.....	Grand Marshal.
“ DR. J. B. GRIGGS.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
“ M. D. KINSLAND.....	Grand Pursuivant.
“ GEO. S. NORFLEET.....	Grand Steward.
“ DR. J. C. BRASWELL.....	Grand Steward.
“ R. H. BRADLEY.....	Grand Tiler.

District Deputy Grand Masters present:

Fourth District—W. R. Vaughan.

Fifth District—Dr. C. L. Pridgen.

Sixth District—E. M. Koonce.  
 Eighth District—A. J. Harris.  
 Tenth District—H. G. Owen, Warsaw.  
 Eleventh District—A. B. Andrews, Jr.  
 Fourteenth District—U. L. Spence.  
 Sixteenth District—R. Lee Brown.  
 Seventeenth District—Prof. M. C. S. Noble.  
 Twentieth District—John G. Burrus.  
 Twenty-first District—Leon Cash.  
 Twenty-second District—C. B. Flournoy.  
 Twenty-fourth District—J. L. Banner.  
 Twenty-fifth District—R. F. Edwards.  
 Twenty-sixth District—J. L. Gwaltney.  
 Twenty-seventh District—Sol. Gallert.  
 Twenty-eighth District—Hilary B. Brunot.  
 Twenty-ninth District—Dr. J. F. Abel.

#### Past Grand Officers present:

John Nichols, P. G. M.; F. H. Busbee, P. G. M.; Chas. H. Robinson, P. G. M.; Samuel H. Smith, P. G. M.; F. M. Moye, P. G. M.; John W. Cotten, P. G. M.; Walter E. Moore, P. G. M.; R. J. Noble, P. G. M.; B. S. Royster, P. G. M.; H. I. Clark, P. G. M.; W. S. Liddell, P. G. M.; G. Rosenthal, P. G. S.

#### Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina present:

Alabama—S. M. Gattis, Hillsboro.  
 Arizona—F. M. Winchester, Charlotte.  
 Arkansas—Fabius H. Busbee, Raleigh.  
 British Columbia—H. I. Clark, Scotland Neck.  
 Delaware—W. A. Withers, Raleigh.  
 District of Columbia—Charles H. Robinson, Wilmington.  
 Florida—R. N. Hackett, Wilkesboro.  
 Idaho—Walter Clark, Raleigh.  
 Illinois—Leo D. Heartt, Raleigh.  
 Indiana—W. B. McKoy, Wilmington.  
 Indian Territory—Thomas S. Kenan, Raleigh.  
 Kansas—M. C. S. Noble, Wilmington.  
 Manitoba—Samuel H. Smith, Winston.  
 Maryland—Marshall DeL. Haywood, Raleigh.  
 Minnesota—F. D. Winston, Windsor.  
 Missouri—W. E. Moore, Webster.  
 Nebraska—Will X. Coley, Raleigh.

New York—N. B. Broughton, Raleigh.  
 New South Wales—J. D. Elliott, Hickory.  
 Nova Scotia—Thomas S. Kenan, Raleigh.  
 Oregon—John W. Cotten, Tarboro.  
 Prince Edward Island—Sol. Gallert, Ruthierfordton.  
 Quebec—W. H. McLaurin, Laurinburg.  
 South Dakota—A. B. Andrews, Jr., Raleigh.  
 Sweden—W. W. Willson, Raleigh.  
 Tennessee—J. L. Currin, Henderson.  
 Texas—M. D. Kinsland, Waynesville.  
 Utah—J. T. Alderman, Henderson.  
 Victoria—Erskine Pope, Jonesboro.  
 Virginia—Dr. F. M. Moye, Wilson.  
 West Virginia—B. S. Royster, Oxford.  
 Wisconsin—Richard J. Noble, Selma.

Bro. W. W. Willson, from the Committee on Credentials, presented a report, which, on motion, was accepted and recommitted with instructions to record the names of the Representatives as they presented themselves.

St. John's.....	No. 1	A. S. Holden, proxy for officers.
St. John's.....	" 4	C. L. Pridgen, W. M. and proxy for J. W., J. T. Heath, proxy for S. W.
Charity.....	" 5	W. R. Johnson, representative.
Unanimity.....	" 7	John C. Drewry, proxy for officers.
Phoenix.....	" 8	T. T. McGilvary, proxy for W. M. and S. W., W. T. Saunders, proxy for J. W.
Johnston-Caswell.....	" 10	L. M. Chaffin, proxy for S. W., W. W. Rose, J. W.
Phalanx.....	" 31	R. Kent Blair, proxy for S. W., James W. Walker, J. W., J. M. Oldham, proxy for W. M.
Davie.....	" 39	A. T. Liverman, W. M., J. E. Tyler, proxy for S. W.
Hiram.....	" 40	A. E. Glenn, W. M., D. A. Pearce, S. W. Louie Samuels, J. W.
Liberty.....	" 45	E. Wallace, proxy for S. W. and J. W., J. M. Turner, W. M.
King Solomon.....	" 56	H. L. Stevenson, proxy for W. M., S. J. Calvert, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Concord.....	" 58	J. W. Cotten, proxy for officers.
Eagle.....	" 71	S. M. Gattis, proxy for officers.
Widow's Son.....	" 75	J. B. Griggs, proxy for officers.

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Greensboro .....	No. 76....	J. M. Bailey, S. W., W. L. Myers, J. W., L. M. Clymer, proxy for W. M.
LaFayette .....	" 83....	C. A. Petteway, W. M.
Morning Star.....	" 85....	S. S. Gray, proxy for officers.
Western Star.....	" 91....	Sol. Gallert, proxy for officers.
Joseph Warren.....	" 92....	F. M. Moyer, proxy for officers.
Jerusalem.....	" 95....	J. M. Orman, W. M.
Hiram .....	" 98....	H. A. Grady, S. W., proxy for officers.
Fulton .....	" 99....	R. B. Wood, proxy for W. M. and S. W., S. A. Gregg, J. W.
Columbus.....	" 102...	G. R. Pilkington, S. W.
Orr .....	" 104....	W. Scott Frizzle, proxy for W. M. and J. W., E. J. Hocutt, proxy for S. W.
Perquimans.....	" 106....	C. W. Morgan, W. M., J. P. Jessup, proxy for S. W., N. Rudenburg, proxy for J. W.
Belmont .....	" 108....	Thos. Perrett, proxy for officers.
Franklin .....	" 109....	Chas. L. Abernathy, W. M., M. L. Davis, proxy for S. W.
St. Albans.....	" 114....	J. P. McNeil, W. M., R. P. Allen, proxy for S. W., John Duckett, proxy for J. W.
Holly Springs.....	" 115....	J. J. Wilson, S. W.
Mount Lebanon.....	" 117....	Latmer Williams, proxy for officers.
Mount Hermon.....	" 118....	C. P. Ambler, W. M., B. F. Hall, S. W., G. R. Calvert, J. W.
Franklinton .....	" 123....	E. W. Morris, W. M., B. W. Ballard, S. W., W. H. Harris, J. W.
Mill Creek.....	" 125....	N. W. Smith and R. R. West, proxy for officers.
Gatesville .....	" 126....	G. D. Gatling, proxy for officers.
Hanks .....	" 128....	L. F. Fentress, proxy for officers.
Radiance .....	" 132....	Arvel Sugg, proxy for S. W., L. V. Marrel, proxy for W. M.
Mocksville.....	" 134....	Will X. Coley, proxy for officers.
Lincoln .....	" 137....	Walter N. Kermer, proxy for S. W. and J. W., J. F. Reinheart, proxy for W. M.
King Solomon.....	" 138....	John Nichols, proxy for officers.
Carolina .....	" 141....	J. C. Drewry, proxy for officers.
Mount Vernon.....	" 143....	R. M. Gorrell, W. M., L. F. Gorrell, proxy for J. W.
Junaluska.....	" 145....	Sam L. Rogers, proxy for officers.
Cherokee .....	" 146....	S. W. Davidson, proxy for W. M., M. W. Bell, proxy for S. W., E. B. Norvell, proxy for J. W.
Palmyra .....	" 147....	W. H. Stewart, J. W., B. F. Smith, proxy for W. M., J. W. Taylor, proxy for S. W.

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Adoniram .....	No. 149	J. S. Watkins, proxy for W. M.
Scotch-Ireland .....	" 154	Chas. F. Bahnson, proxy for officers.
White Stone .....	" 155	W. H. Hester, W. M.
Mount Pleasant .....	" 157	W. D. Peed, W. M., Dudley Peed, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Knap of Reeds .....	" 158	T. S. Waller, proxy for J. W., Purvis Tilley, W. M.
Archer .....	" 165	J. W. Barnes, W. M., G. W. Murphy, S. W., Alonzo Batton, J. W.
Winston .....	" 167	G. D. Noble, proxy for officers.
Blackmer .....	" 170	Horace R. Dowell, proxy for officers.
Buffalo .....	" 172	M. G. Dalrymple, proxy for officers.
George Washington .....	" 174	S. G. Wilson, W. M.
Pollokville .....	" 175	J. C. Parker, proxy for officers.
Carthage .....	" 181	C. S. Brewer, W. M., Cary Petty, J. W., U. L. Spence, proxy for S. W.
Sandy Creek .....	" 185	J. H. Harper, proxy for W. M., E. N. Williams, S. W., S. T. Gupton, J. W.
Pine Forest .....	" 186	A. McD. Withers, proxy for W. M. and J. W.
Central Cross .....	" 187	W. P. Lamb, proxy for W. M., J. H. Mitchell, S. W., C. R. Edwards, J. W.
Balfour .....	" 188	J. M. Way, W. M.
Granite .....	" 191	J. W. Barnes, proxy for officers.
Burnsville .....	" 192	J. F. Byrd, proxy for officers.
Mount Olivet .....	" 195	W. L. Stutts, W. M., P. S. Bean, rep.
Cary .....	" 197	J. M. Templeton, proxy for W. M., E. F. Upchurch, S. W., J. C. Walker, proxy for J. W.
Cleveland .....	" 202	W. H. Jennings, proxy for officers.
Berea .....	" 204	M. Blaylock, proxy for W. M. and S. W.
Mingo .....	" 206	E. R. Wilson, W. M., D. M. Williford, proxy for S. W., W. B. Jackson, J. W.
Mount Olive .....	" 208	W. C. Steele, proxy for W. M.
Eno .....	" 210	Jas. J. Carden, W. M., H. L. Smith, S. W., W. H. Overton, J. W.
Thomasville .....	" 214	C. M. Hoover, representative.
William G. Hill .....	" 218	T. E. Green, W. M., John G. Allen, S. W. C. F. Lumsden, J. W.
Henderson .....	" 229	J. Bailey Owen, W. M., A. S. Pendleton, S. W., J. L. Currin, proxy for J. W.
Corinthian .....	" 230	T. T. Thorne, proxy for officers.
William T. Bain .....	" 231	K. J. Powell, proxy for W. M. and S. W.
Lenoir .....	" 233	Joseph Kinsey, W. M., W. F. Sutton, proxy for S. W.

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Mystic Tie.....	No. 237	J. W. Hunter, proxy for officers.
Rountree .....	" 243	J. E. Cameron, W. M., W. H. Phillips, J. W., Hassell Wiggins, proxy for S. W.
Catawba .....	" 248	W. R. Weaver, W. M., C. E. Weller, S. W., H. H. Isenhorn, J. W.
Pythagoras .....	" 249	C. Ed Taylor, proxy for officers.
Shiloh .....	" 250	S. J. Currin, J. W.
Rockford .....	" 251	J. G. Burrus, W. M.
Lee .....	" 253	J. L. Gwaltney, proxy for officers.
Kenly .....	" 257	Isaac Barnes, S. W., proxy for officers.
Waynesville .....	" 259	J. F. Abel, W. M., M. J. Overby, rep.
Excelsior .....	" 261	E. L. Johnson, W. M., B. L. Kizziah, S. W., R. M. Forbes, J. W.
Hibriten .....	" 262	J. W. C. McCall, W. M., M. E. Shell, proxy for Wardens.
Farmington .....	" 265	Chas. F. Bahnson, proxy for officers.
Dunn's Rock .....	" 267	H. B. Brunot, W. M., Thos. Galloway, proxy for S. W., E. J. Breese, proxy for J. W.
Unaka .....	" 268	Walter E. Moore, W. M.
Bingham .....	" 272	H. McBryde Holt, proxy for officers.
Watauga .....	" 273	J. W. Farthing, W. M., E. F. Lovill, proxy for S. W.
Green Level .....	" 277	L. J. Sears, W. M., E. T. Mills, S. W., W. B. Johnson, J. W.
Wake Forest .....	" 282	Z. V. Peed, W. M., J. M. Brown, S. W., E. W. Timberlake, Jr., J. W.
Greenville .....	" 284	W. L. Brown, J. W., proxy for W. M., Richard Williams, proxy for S. W.
Flat Creek .....	" 285	W. W. Willson, proxy for officers.
Cedar Rock .....	" 286	T. W. Stokes, proxy for officers.
Salem .....	" 289	Leon Cash, proxy for officers.
French Broad .....	" 292	C. A. Clark, W. M.
Stonewall .....	" 296	J. A. Whitley, representative.
Toisnot .....	" 298	James W. Hayes, proxy for officers.
Hunting Creek .....	" 299	F. W. Hanes, proxy for officers.
Clay .....	" 301	W. W. Willson, proxy for officers.
Lillington .....	" 302	J. H. Withers, proxy for officers.
Pleasant Hill .....	" 304	Geo. Turner, proxy for officers.
Laurinburg .....	" 305	W. H. McLaurin, S. W.
Randolph .....	" 309	G. D. B. Reynolds, W. M., S. A. Lewis, proxy.
Hatcher .....	" 310	E. G. Barnes, W. M., E. J. High, J. W.
King Solomon .....	" 313	J. W. Connely, W. M.
Eureka .....	" 317	M. Wescott, W. M.

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Wilmington .....	No. 319	Geo. S. Boylan, W. M., Rev. J. S. Crowley, S. W., Walter Gaylor, J. W.
Selma .....	" 320	W. H. Barron, J. W., proxy for officers.
Winton .....	" 327	C. F. Griffin, W. M., J. A. Northcott, S. W.
Mattamuskeet .....	" 328	J. S. Mann, proxy for officers.
Black Creek .....	" 330	Barnes Daniel, W. M.
Bayboro .....	" 331	W. D. Alford, W. M.
Harmony .....	" 340	D. A. Powell, S. W., J. N. Best, proxy.
Hickory .....	" 343	J. W. Shuford and J. D. Elliott, proxies for officers.
Numa F. Reid .....	" 344	D. S. Gurley, proxy for officers.
Stanly .....	" 348	B. A. Whitley, W. M., J. W. Everett, S. W., H. M. Snuggs, J. W.
Durham .....	" 352	J. K. Mason, W. M., R. H. Sykes, S. W., C. E. King, J. W.
Bakersville .....	" 357	J. E. Burleson, proxy for officers.
East La Porte .....	" 358	John T. Wike, proxy for officers.
Mount Vernon .....	" 359	G. W. Brite and S. W. Ferebee, proxies for officers.
Snow .....	" 363	J. W. Horton, W. M., J. M. Shull, proxy for Wardens.
Craighead .....	" 366	John C. Drewry, proxy for officers.
Mars Hill .....	" 370	H. M. Fagan, W. M., C. L. Sams, S. W., W. W. Murray, J. W.
Elk .....	" 373	J. T. Cornett, proxy for officers.
Youngsville .....	" 377	I. F. Fuller, S. W., H. B. Winston, proxy for W. M., G. M. Perry, proxy for J. W.
Seaboard .....	" 378	W. A. Grant, proxy for officers.
Colmarie .....	" 379	F. D. Parker, proxy for officers.
Granville .....	" 380	J. W. Andrews, S. W., W. W. Davis, J. W., E. P. Davis, W. M.
Forest City .....	" 381	Solomon Gallert, proxy for officers.
Pigeon River .....	" 386	F. K. May, J. W.
Kedron .....	" 387	W. C. Rector, S. W., proxy for J. W., J. G. Waldrop, proxy for W. M.
Lebanon .....	" 391	W. C. Perks, S. W.
Tally Ho .....	" 393	H. M. Bragg, W. M., J. E. Duncan, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Cape Fear .....	" 394	W. L. Williams, proxy for officers.
Orient .....	" 395	R. C. Derosssett, W. M.
Oxford .....	" 396	J. M. Currin, proxy for W. M., R. L. Brown, S. W., R. G. Kittrell, J. W.
Bald Creek .....	" 397	R. E. English, proxy for officers.
Liberty .....	" 407	J. E. Dean, proxy for officers.
University .....	" 408	M. C. S. Noble, proxy for officers.



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Rockville .....	No. 411....	V. A. J. Gloom, proxy for officers.
Henry F. Grainger..	" 412....	W. L. Burrough, proxy for officers.
Louisburg .....	" 413....	J. A. Cash, W. M., J. H. Mitchell, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Maxton.....	" 417....	J. F. Pool, proxy for officers.
Potecasi .....	" 418....	R. W. Joyner, W. M.
Greenwood .....	" 419....	M. Bowes, proxy for officers.
Sparta .....	" 423....	R. A. Doughton, proxy for officers.
Montgomery .....	" 426....	A. K. Dickey, proxy for officers.
Stokesdale.....	" 428....	R. H. Bradley, proxy for officers.
Relief .....	" 431....	W. D. Boon, W. M.
Star .....	" 437....	J. L. Stuart, W. M.
Marble Spring.....	" 439....	S. W. Davidson, proxy for officers.
Clingman .....	" 440....	W. W. Willson, proxy for officers.
Polenta .....	" 450....	E. S. Coats, S. W., Claude Stevenson, W. M., F. T. Booker, proxy for J. W.
Clyde .....	" 453....	H. Claude Sinclair, W. M.
Rusk .....	" 456....	M. H. Norman, W. M.
Blowing Rock.....	" 458....	J. B. Clark, W. M., J. H. Green, S. W., A. P. Hall, J. W.
Dillsboro .....	" 459....	J. M. Candler, proxy for officers.
Henrietta .....	" 460....	J. L. Hamrick, W. M., P. E. Rollins, J. W.
South Fork.....	" 462....	G. L. Wright, proxy for officers.
Currituck.....	" 463....	Walter Gray, W. M., J. J. Evans, S. W., W. L. Owens, J. W.
Gulf.....	" 465....	M. J. Jordan, W. M.
Healing Springs....	" 467....	R. F. Edwards, proxy for officers.
Sanford.....	" 469....	J. W. McIntosh, proxy for officers.
Grassy Knob.....	" 471....	D. C. Jarvis, proxy for officers.
Lexington .....	" 473....	J. N. Huggins, W. M., B. H. Finch, proxy.
Grimesland .....	" 475....	J. J. Elks, W. M., W. E. Proctor, S. W.
Four Oaks .....	" 478....	R. H. Massingill, W. M., G. P. Waddell, S. W.
Mill Creek.....	" 480....	W. B. Joyner, proxy for officers.
Spring Hope.....	" 481....	W. J. May, W. M., W. B. Wheelless, proxy for S. W., J. H. Williams, proxy for J. W.
Brasstown .....	" 485....	S. W. Davidson, proxy for officers.
Statesville .....	" 487....	P. F. Lougerman, proxy for officers.
Rich Square.....	" 488....	J. Archie Conner, W. M., John Baughan, S. W., M. Molton, proxy for J. W.
Linville .....	" 489....	J. L. Banner, W. M.
Thomas M. Holt....	" 492....	McBryde Holt, W. M.
Mooresville.....	" 496....	M. W. White, W. M.
Royal Hart.....	" 497....	W. R. Vaughn, W. M., J. T. Bern, proxy for S. W.



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Ayden.....	No. 498...	J. J. Edwards, proxy for officers.
Creedmoor.....	" 499...	M. L. Winston, proxy for W. M. and S. W., J. L. Peed, proxy for J. W.
Raleigh.....	" 500...	Wade R. Brown, W. M., H. W. Glascock, S. W., Chas. D. Wildes, J. W.
Red Springs.....	" 501...	L. M. Cook and J. C. McPhail, proxies for officers.
Buies Creek.....	" 503...	F. H. Taylor, representative.
Luke McGlaughan..	" 504...	A. O. Kiff, proxy for officers.
Cherryville.....	" 505...	Chas. F. Balnson, proxy for officers.
Lone Hickory.....	" 512...	F. W. Hanes, proxy for officers.
Sylva.....	" 513...	Walter E. Moore, proxy for officers.
Scotland.....	" 514...	W. H. Gibson, proxy for officers.
Whetstone.....	" 515...	C. E. Whitney, proxy for officers.
Aulander.....	" 516...	J. Lawrence Harrington, W. M.
Farmville.....	" 517...	J. T. Bundy, W. M.
Widow's Son.....	" 519...	Louis Grimmer, W. M.
Wanchese.....	" 521...	C. R. Pugh, proxy for W. M.
Warsaw.....	" 522...	H. G. Owen, W. M.
Winterville.....	" 523...	E. W. Braxton, W. M., J. F. Harrington, S. W., B. F. Manning, J. W.
Pendleton.....	" 524...	W. M. Martin, proxy for officers.
Rodgers.....	" 525...	W. E. Estridge, W. M., J. S. Fulgum, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
Lucama.....	" 527...	R. H. Roper, W. M., J. G. Barnes, S. W., W. Lamb, J. W.
Joppa.....	" 530...	P. M. Winchester, proxy for officers.
Hamlet.....	" 532...	Dr. H. F. Kinsman, proxy for officers.
Hollis.....	" 535...	J. P. D. Withrow, W. M.
Sharon.....	" 537...	W. T. Griggs, W. M.
Williams.....	" 538...	J. B. Reading, proxy for officers.
Caswell.....	" 539...	A. B. Walker, W. M.
Parkton.....	" 541...	D. C. Culbreth, W. M., J. A. Cashwell, proxy for J. W. and S. W.
Corinthian.....	" 542...	F. B. Hobgood, W. M., L. W. Hudgins, S. W.
Shelmerdine.....	" 545...	D. C. Lassiter, W. M., Geo. H. Cole, S. W.
Carolina.....	" 546...	C. L. Harbour, W. M., J. Roser Smith, S. W., J. E. Cole, J. W.
Maysville.....	" 547...	Chas. Gerrock, W. M., J. B. Olive, S. W., J. M. Foscue, J. W.
Bee Log.....	" 548...	W. A. Peake, W. M., J. R. Patte, S. W., J. D. King, J. W.
Elon.....	" 549...	W. C. Wicker, W. M., J. W. Ingle, S. W., J. W. Patton, J. W.

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Roman Eagle.....	No. 550....	Wm. W. Maurer, W. M., J. McN. Johnson, S. W., David Kinglet, J. W.
Glenville .....	“ 551....	John L. Owens, W. M., J. M. Leopard, S. W., G. W. Stirvinter, J. W.
Revolution.....	“ 552....	B. M. Rose, W. M., H. C. Simpson, S. W., C. T. Redwine, J. W.
Zephyr .....	“ 553....	T. I. Snow, W. M., J. F. Haymore, S. W., P. H. Ellis, J. W.
Vesper.....	“ 554....	J. M. Peterson, W. M., J. M. Swan, S. W., L. A. Berry, J. W.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. WILLSON,

*for Committee.*



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GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

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The Grand Master delivered his address, which, on motion, was referred to a Special Committee, which the Deputy Grand Master announced as follows: Chas. H. Robinson, John W. Cotten and B. S. Royster.

MY BRETHREN:

I greet you at the close of an eventful year in Masonry in this Jurisdiction. Not a single dispute mars that harmony and peace which make our institution strong. The wisdom of those who preceded me in your favor, is responsible for much of the good will that obtains; but in a large measure it is founded in that spirit of brotherhood which pervades civilization. This is the age of fraternity; and in imitation of Masonry, the world today stands eager to do some good deed.

It has been my aim to strengthen our bond of friendship, and to bring the brethren closer together.

No one can be happy without a friend, and no one can know what friends he has until he is unhappy. When persons are united in the bonds of friendship there is nothing more conducive to happiness. It supports and strengthens the mind; alleviates the pains of life and renders our state on earth comfortable. Lord Bacon said, "That sorrows grow less when communicated to your friend, and that joys are doubled." Someone has said, "That sorrow, like a stream, loses itself in many channels, while joy like a ray of the sun, reflects with a greater ardor and quickness, when it rebounds upon a man, from the breast of his friend." There is true enjoyment in that friendship which has its source in the innocence and uprightness of the true heart. Such pleasures do greatly sweeten life, easing it from many a bitter burden. A sympathizing heart, finds an echo in sympathizing bosoms, that bring back cheering music to the spirit of the loneliest. Be all honor, then, to true friendship, and may

it in our Order grow stronger and gather yet many fragrant blossoms from the dew bathed meadows of our fraternal intercourse, to spread their aroma along the toil-worn road of life. "What a blessing it is to have a friend to whom one can speak fearlessly on any subject; with whom one's deepest thoughts come simply and safely. Oh! the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh the thoughts nor measure the words, but pouring them all right out, just as they are, chaff and grain together, certain that a faithful hand will take and sift them; keep what is worth keeping, and then with the breath of kindness, blow the rest away."

If any form an intimacy merely for what they can gain by it, this is not true friendship. It must be mutual. It is to this ideal friendship I would have our Order attain. Our intercourse should be unreserved. It is true indeed, that we are not bound to reveal to each other our family concerns, but we should be ever ready to disclose what may in any point of view, concern each other. Our friendship should be benevolent. We should study to please and oblige each other in the most delicate, kind and liberal manner; in poverty and in trouble, as well as in riches and prosperity. The benevolence of friends is best manifested in looking over each other's faults, and in the most tender manner, admonishing each other when they do amiss. Upon the whole, the purse, the heart, the home, ought to be open to our brethren, and in no case can we close either of them, unless on clear proof of treachery, immorality or some great crime.

I have endeavored to have this spirit in dealing with the questions that have been presented to me for final decision. I have thought that it was better to have the brethren forget their disagreements and unite upon a proper course, as a result of mutual concessions, rather than have a union founded on supreme authority. In consequence, I have rendered few decisions. In most cases a friendly letter to all concerned has restored harmony. I follow my

predecessors and complain of the vast number of questions that are presented for decision, where an examination of the Code would find a plain, written statement of the law. The excellent digest of the decisions by Bro. A. B. Andrews, Jr., should lessen the labor of the Grand Master in this respect. The Craft is under a special debt of gratitude to Brother Andrews for his excellent work. I urge a careful perusal of its pages by all Masters and Wardens of Subordinate Lodges. I have referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence such decisions as I have made.

I call the attention of the entire Jurisdiction to Section 2 of Article 20 of the By-laws: "The Master of each Subordinate Lodge shall cause to be read before the Lodge, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the information of the brethren, and the Lodge shall preserve the same and have them bound." If this plain method of giving the brethren throughout the State information of what is going on, is much in vogue, I have not been able to find it out. I am yet to hear of a lodge that does both—read the proceedings and have them bound. Masonic law requires that both be done. I also urge that a portion of the time of each communication be taken up with a reading of the Masonic Code.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

I have not often yielded to the importunities of many brethren, who have asked me to set aside the plain letter of the law. I very much doubt my power to do so; and have no doubt of the wisdom of refusing.

I am sure a firm adherence to both letter and spirit of the law will, in the end, best promote the interest of our institution. Especially is this the case in admitting candidates. Too great circumspection cannot be exercised in this respect. It is better that a few good men fail to gain admittance, than to receive one unworthy candidate. A long roll of members is not always the best guarantee of a successful lodge; and if numbers are desired, a rigid enforce-

ment of the rules will soon lead good men to seek our association. We want the Fraternity to grow, but it must be a growth in usefulness, in good work, in strong character.

It is a cause of congratulation that the moral tone pervading the Order is high. The man of impure life finds it daily more difficult to become a Mason, and if by error he does gain admittance, he soon finds the association uncongenial and drifts out. The best type of North Carolina citizen today is a North Carolina Mason. He is the foremost advocate of an educated citizenship, of a sober and upright manhood, and a virtuous and home preserving womanhood. He brings to the solution of the question of State, the time honored principles of our institution.

#### CUSTODIANS.

The authorized work is now firmly established in our Jurisdiction. The present very able Board of Custodians has adjusted all minor differences, and now the Stephenson work is taught by the Grand Lecturer and his Assistants. The result of this is seen in a harmonious work throughout the Jurisdiction; and a disappearance of some friction in many lodges resulting from an honest difference of opinion as to what the authorized work was. On this question the decision of the Custodians is final, and it is a pleasure to note that there is complete harmony between them and our official instructors.

#### DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The success that has attended the establishment of this office is very gratifying. The excellent work of this body of officials justifies the wisdom of the last Grand Lodge in creating the trust. Acting under your resolution, with the assistance of the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Wardens, I divided the State into thirty Masonic Districts, and have appointed and commissioned a Deputy for each District. The work has been neglected in some instances. The office has gone begging in a few districts, but on the whole,

the departure is a great success. I consider it the main feature of the year's work. I here thank my faithful Deputies for the conscientious work they have done. I have never wanted all of the glory of any enterprise, and cheerfully share with them the credit of a year of unusual Masonic activity and prosperity. As stated above, in a few instances I have not been able to get efficient service in some of the districts. Time will cure these defects. I expect to see the office grow in dignity, in importance and in usefulness. It should be a stepping-stone to the honor of the Craft and to its great responsibilities. The reports that have been made will be referred with this address to the proper committee.

Under the direction of the District Deputies, the well established picnics at Mocksville, and other places, have been held, and others inaugurated. No more powerful agency for cementing the brethren in bonds of unity and friendship can be devised than these annual gatherings. I suggest that the District Deputies be required to meet and arrange dates of picnics, so that the Grand Master may visit them, accompanied by a class from the Orphan Asylum and by one of the Lecturers. I have invited the District Deputies to attend this communication, and trust that they will organize now for this work. I believe that an exemplification of the work at these picnics will result in much increased efficiency among those who have to confer the degrees.

An examination of the Treasurer's books and reports will show the very small expense attending the work among the District Deputies.

#### ORPHAN ASYLUM.

*The Orphans' Friend and Masonic Journal* published weekly at the Oxford Orphan Asylum, has, as you know, been adopted as the official organ of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. It is an excellent family paper, of pure and elevating tone. The Masonic feature is of real merit and many columns of our paper devoted to the Order. The sub-



scription price is but a dollar a year. The profits go to the support of the Asylum. The subscription list now numbers 4,200. Every lodge in our Jurisdiction should subscribe and have its Masonic news, at least, read in open lodge. It should be the vehicle of friendly discussion among brethren all over the State. The subscription list should be at least ten thousand.

The report of the Directors and Superintendent will give you a clear insight into the affairs of the Asylum. I have twice visited the institution, and have given it a thorough inspection.

I wish every Mason in the State, every citizen of North Carolina could visit this institution and see its great work in field, and shop and class room, and witness its spirit of prayer and praise. 280 children were on the roll at the close of the last fiscal year, October 31st, 1906. We are now in a position to accommodate about thirty more children. The benefits of the institution are open to the really needy, homeless children of North Carolina, regardless of creed. While eager to receive those who are entitled to enter, I have deemed it right and proper that there should be careful investigation and conscientious consideration of applications for the admission of children. Our institution would guard against the moral and social wrong of encouraging the severance of family ties and the removal of children from a true mother, unless it seems reasonable, after faithful inquiry and consideration, that the interests of the children, or of the mother and the children, will be subserved by pursuing this course.

Placing children in good homes appeals to me much stronger than placing them in an asylum. The influences of a properly regulated North Carolina home are the best environment for the future manhood and womanhood of this State.

#### MASONIC TEMPLE.

Masonic Temples are not built in a day. The seeming



delay in beginning work upon this great enterprise has been caused by the solicitude of those having the matter in charge not to commence work on so great and important an undertaking without due preparation. The financial condition of the Temple Construction Company will be submitted to you by the Grand Secretary in his report, and by the Temple Committee in their report.

I give you the following financial statement:

	Am't. subscribed.	Am't. paid.
Grand Lodge subscriptions.....	\$ 25,000 00	\$ 13,000 00
Raleigh subscriptions.....	18,535 00	13,965 00
State subscriptions .....	16,975 00	9,424 35
Donations (cards) .....	23,500 00	5,943 24
Rents.....	00,000 00	3,689 91
Masonic Fair.....	3,027 17	3,027 17
Interest, etc. ....	0,000 00	1,115 52
Grand Commandery of North Carolina.....	1,000 00	400 00
Grand Chapter of North Carolina.....	1,000 00	400 00
First mortgage bonds to be sold.....	50,000 00	00,000 00
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	\$ 139,037 17	\$ 50,965 19

It will be seen that nominally we have subscriptions sufficient to begin work and push the same with vigor, but as you well know, for many good causes and sometimes for bad reasons, a certain per cent. of subscription is likely to fall through, and I urge that my successor still continue the work of soliciting voluntary subscriptions to the Temple Fund. The more Masons give to this fund, the sooner the revenues to be derived from the Temple can be diverted from debt paying and devoted to works of charity, the Orphan Asylum, and the Masonic Home. It is likely that the cornerstone of the Temple will be laid about St. John's Day in June. This occasion should bring more Masons to Raleigh than ever assembled in the State. It can be made of great interest, and I am informed that our sister jurisdictions can be induced to attend. I recommend that they be formally invited to do so.

I have not gone lengthily into the Temple affairs because the work is all but an accomplished fact, and the brethren throughout the State are thoroughly committed to its completion.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

In no respect has the Masonic institution in North Carolina grown stronger than in the hearts of the women. Of late years their attitude towards our Fraternity has been completely revolutionized. They now eagerly enlist in our works of charity and good deeds. In the matter of the Temple construction, they have been a decided force and we should further enlist their active energies in that direction. The Order of the Eastern Star is fully organized and has a Grand Chapter.

Permit me to copy an extract or two from letters received from officers of this order.

In remitting a handsome amount to the Temple Fund, Mrs. Emma B. Siler says:

"Trusting that you may have wisdom and strength to perform your duty successfully as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, I extend to the Grand Lodge the very best wishes and fraternal greetings from the Grand Chapter of North Carolina Order Eastern Star."

And from another officer, "You can rest assured that the noble hearted women and brother Masons who now compose this work in North Carolina, will ever be hand in hand in this noble work."

In the work of raising funds for the Temple, the Committee enlisted the cooperation of ladies in various communities. In remitting the sum of \$50.00 one lady writes, "I wish to say, however, that I received no assistance from the lodge. It was given out at the lodge meeting, yet only three members attended my entertainment."

I recommend that the District Deputies be charged with the work of extending the organization of the Order of the Eastern Star.

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The following dispensations have been granted :

Knap of Reeds Lodge No. 158, to elect officers.

Western Star Lodge No. 91, to elect officers.

Moravian Falls Lodge No. 353, to elect officers.

Berea Lodge No. 204, to elect officers.

Widow's Son Lodge No. 519, to hold Regular Communication on July 13th instead of 5th, to meet Orphan Class.

Boardman Lodge No. 536, to elect a Senior and Junior Warden to fill vacancies caused by resignations.

Bayboro Lodge No. 331, to elect a Treasurer to fill vacancy caused by resignation of former Treasurer.

Orr Lodge No. 109, to elect a Secretary to succeed Bro. R. T. Hodges, deceased.

The requests for dispensations to set aside the law requiring twelve months residence before a petition can be entertained have been numerous. I have refused all of them, except when the petition has been accompanied by the request of the jurisdiction from which petitioner moved.

The requests for dispensation to ballot on petitions before the expiration of a month after it has been presented, have also been numerous. I have refused all but four of them, and in those cases there were special reasons assigned which seemed to me to justify it.

Durham Lodge No. 352, to ballot on and confer degrees on candidates before a month expired. This is done on the recommendation of Bro. Jas. Southgate.

Wayne Lodge No. 112, to ballot on petition of E. H. Bain. He was suddenly called to Mexico. He is the son of a Mason, a man of high character and great capacity for the work.

Wayne Lodge No. 112, to ballot on petition of B. W. King. He is a sailor and his furlough was cancelled and he ordered to his ship.

Phalanx Lodge, to receive and ballot on petition recommended by Past Grand Master Liddell.

I have also decided:

1st. That officers who are re-elected to serve a second term should be regularly installed.

2nd. That when the lodge orders the By-laws transcribed in a new book, no member has the right to object to his name being transcribed on account of amendments.

3rd. One whose progress is arrested after taking the Entered Apprentice degree does not have to wait twelve months before he can have another ballot for advancing. There is no time limit in such cases.

4th. The fact that a man does not live with his wife does not render him ineligible to the degrees; but great care should be taken and the lodge satisfied that such separation is not his fault and not assented to by him.

5th. A petition once received cannot be withdrawn except by consent of the lodge. Unless there are some exceptional facts justifying it, such consent should not be given. It is better for petitions to take the regular course.

6th. That a Master of a lodge may of his own motion, order the ballot on the question of advancing a candidate.

7th. Before the degrees are conferred by one lodge at the request of another, any member of the lodge conferring the degrees can demand a ballot in advancement. If there is any reason why the degree should not be conferred, the lodge asking that the degree be conferred should be informed of the fact that it may take such action as the case calls for.

8th. A person is ineligible to the degrees of Masonry whose thumb and forefinger of his right hand are missing.

9th. That a man's legal residence is his Masonic residence.

10th. That lodges in a county cannot abolish our lines as to jurisdiction.

11th. A candidate is elected to the degrees in Masonry. A member of the lodge who is absent cannot demand a new ballot.

12th. Masonic law does not forbid a Lodge meeting in the same hall which is used by another fraternal order.

Every lodge should own its home. When such meetings are had, great care should be exercised to protect the secrets of the Order in all respects.

13th. That it is not a Masonic offense for one brother not to pay another a debt. Every good Mason will pay his debts when he can. A man who owes a brother Mason and is able to pay him, should not retain membership in the lodge. These matters should all go to the Committee on Reference.

14th. That fact that a man is a member of the Roman Catholic Church does not render him ineligible for the degrees of Masonry. We believe it would be greatly to the benefit of the Order, and certainly give that great body of zealous Christians a better idea of Masonry if more of its votaries joined our Order.

I make no reference to those decisions that were simply announced by reference to the Code, Sections that governed the matter on which my decision was asked. There were nearly a hundred of these.

During the year I have had some complaints that lodges in our Jurisdiction near the State line were securing material that properly belonged to our Virginia brethren. I have had letters from Most Worshipful K. Kemper, Grand Master of that jurisdiction. Since hearing from him I have replied giving him the information that our records disclose some arrangements made on that subject during Grand Master Moye's term of office. Since then I have not heard from Brother Kemper. I hope our lodges will be very careful not to violate the territorial lines. We must dwell in harmony, not only among ourselves, but with our brethren of other jurisdictions, and I shall consider it most unfortunate if any cause of complaint is given them. I ask that the Committee on Jurisprudence look into this question and submit a report on the same.

I note the fact that the most active lodges in this Jurisdiction are those which have frequent changes of officers. Our sister jurisdictions prosper admirably well under a

system that limits the term of Masters and Wardens of Subordinate Lodges. I am quite sure that our own Jurisdiction would not suffer if some sufficient limit was set to the number of terms a brother could be elected to these places. A long continuance in office depresses the ambition of younger Masons, who, if they were given an opportunity to learn the work, would become highly useful members of the Craft.

The Grand Lodge can set such limit as it sees fit in matters of this character. Whether it should do so is a matter for its wisdom.

On September 24th, 1906, I suspended Lewis Weatherman as Master of Jonesville Lodge, for drunkenness. No man has a right to remain in such trust who is a drunkard,—in fact, he has no place in Masonry. After an inquiry into all the facts, I called to my aid brethren John Burrus, District Deputy, and Hugh C. Chatham, of Elkin. In the interest of Masonry, and in the hope of reformation of the offender, I permitted him to resign as Master of his lodge and had charges preferred against him. He was tried on charges, and plead guilty. A suspension of six months was imposed. He has reformed his life, feels that the Order has lifted him up and has its strong arms under him. I am persuaded that this course was proper under all the circumstances. I do not recommend it as a precedent, but it was followed under the circumstances peculiar to the case.

I have referred the papers to the proper committee.

The roll of fraternal dead in our sister jurisdictions is large. These admonitions call to mind the valuable services rendered to humanity by our noble brethren. I record their names that our own records may testify to their character and worth.

William H. Phillips, Past Grand Master, Michigan.

Thomas E. Dewey, Past Grand Master, Kansas.

Albert S. Wait, Deputy District Grand Master, New Hampshire.

Bradley T. Kimbrough, Past Grand Master, Mississippi.

Frederick S. Stevens, Past Grand Master, Connecticut.

George S. Hallmark, Past Grand Master, Florida.

John Guthrie, Past Grand Master, Kansas.

Henry H. Matthews, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Alabama.

George Davis, Past Grand Master, West Virginia.

James L. Sloan, Past Grand Master, Tennessee.

Allan McDowell, Grand Secretary, Missouri.

Geo. H. Walker, Past Grand Master, Washington.

Edson Fitch, Past Grand Master, Quebec.

John Humphreys, Senior Grand Warden, Colorado.

Thomas Tweed, Past Grand Master, Manitoba.

Richard T. Wackem, Past Grand Master, Ontario.

John M. Finch, Past Grand Master, Michigan.

Irvin Miller, Past Grand Master, Mississippi.

Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary, South Carolina.

John Rennie, Past Grand Master, Indian Territory.

Joseph S. Brown, Past Grand Master, Missouri.

Norville R. Carter, Past Grand Master, Florida.

Frank H. Robinson, Past Grand Master, New York.

Robert W. Furnor, Past Grand Master, Nebraska.

Frank S. Deval, Past Grand Master, Indiana.

John G. Fletcher, President Board of Control of Masonic Temple, Arkansas.

John W. McGroth, Past Grand Master, Michigan.

Andrew H. Barclay, Senior Past Grand Master, Mississippi.

Thomas Readon, Senior Grand Deacon, Michigan.

Wm. Henry Upton, Past Grand Master, Washington.

I have referred the various memorials announcing the death of these brethren to the Committee on Fraternal Dead, who will make suitable report thereon.

In our own Jurisdiction we have lost Bro. Samuel H. Rountree, Past Grand Junior Warden. He was a most devoted Mason. We shall miss his genial companionship and wise counsel. He was honorable and just in all things.

Bro. R. T. Hodges, Secretary of Orr Lodge, died Feb. 9th, 1906. In announcing his death, D. D. G. M., Hon. Jas. J. Harris, writes:



“For twenty-four years he was the zealous and skillful Secretary of Orr Lodge, and no father ever regarded the interests of a child with more devoted affection than did this good man the interest of the lodge he served and Masonry in general.”

Brethren, I return to you the commission you entrusted to me a year ago. You have conferred on me honors beyond my deserving. I have not tried to supplant any brother in your confidence and esteem. I have been content to await your pleasure. I feel that the year's work repays me for the time it has taken from my own affairs. It has been cheerfully given.

In conclusion, let me again accent that at no time has the Order been so prosperous. Men of every calling, trade and profession are seeking admittance. They find in it that strength and comfort so truthfully prologued by the Scotch poet :

There's many a badge that's unco braw ;  
 W' ribbons, lace and tape on ;  
 Let kings and princes wear them a',  
 Gi'e me the Master's apron,  
 The honest Craftsman's apron,  
 The jolly Freemason's apron.  
 Bide he at hame, or roam afar,  
 Before his touch fa's bolt and bar,  
 The gates of fortune fly ajar,  
 'Gin he wears the apron.  
 For wealth and honor, pride and power,  
 Are crumbling stones to base on ;  
 Fraternity sh'u'd rule the hour  
 And ilka Worthy Mason.  
 Each ancient Crafter Mason.  
 Then Brithers let a halesome sang  
 Arise your friendly ranks along.  
 Guid wives and bairnies blithely sing  
 To the ancient badge wi' the apron string  
 That is worn by the Master Mason.

I conclude, my brethren, by returning thanks to the Great Architect that He has spared to us our useful brother, that excellent officer, that splendid public servant, that good Christian, Robert H. Bradley, Grand Tiler. May he live many years in honor, and tile accordingly.

FRANCIS D. WINSTON,

*Grand Master.*



## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was read and referred to the Auditing Committee:

LEO D. HEARTT, GRAND TREASURER,

*In account with the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of North Carolina.*

1906	DR.	
Jan. 6	To balance on hand from last report.....	\$ 4,404 66
June 2	To amt. received for interest on Ellington note.....	60 00
Nov. 17	To cash from John C. Drewry, Grand Sec'y.....	1,239 00
Dec. 4	To cash from John C. Drewry, Grand Sec'y.....	898 10
4	To cash from John C. Drewry, Grand Sec'y.....	1,227 30
14	To cash from John C. Drewry, Grand Sec'y.....	1,099 50
14	To cash from John C. Drewry, Grand Sec'y.....	1,270 50
19	To cash from John C. Drewry, Grand Sec'y.....	1,254 00
19	To cash from John C. Drewry, Grand Sec'y.....	1,398 75
1907		
Jan. 3	To cash from John C. Drewry, Grand Sec'y.....	713 00
3	To cash from John C. Drewry, Grand Sec'y.....	1,026 75
3	To cash from John C. Drewry, Grand Sec'y.....	1,373 25
3	To cash from John C. Drewry, Grand Sec'y.....	381 75
		16,346 56
1906	CR.	
Jan. 15	By cash paid S. M. Gattis.....	\$ 11 40
15	By cash paid J. D. Elliott.....	10 02
15	By cash paid W. S. Liddell.....	290 48
15	By cash paid Walter E. Moore.....	21 00
15	By cash paid R. F. Edwards.....	25 00
15	By cash paid Leon Cash.....	13 50
15	By cash paid Chas. F. Bahnson.....	15 50
15	By cash paid B. S. Royster.....	9 00
15	By cash paid R. J. Noble.....	7 50
15	By cash paid M. D. Kinsland.....	21 00
15	By cash paid J. B. Griggs.....	25 00
15	By cash paid W. J. Roberts.....	14 90
15	By cash paid Sam H. Smith.....	10 25
15	By cash paid R. N. Hackett.....	8 75
15	By cash paid F. M. Winchester.....	17 50
15	By cash paid J. W. Rowell.....	15 00
15	By cash paid H. I. Clark.....	18 50
15	By cash paid W. B. McKoy.....	16 40
15	By cash paid B. W. Hatcher.....	27 50
15	By cash paid Charles Cardwell (janitor).....	6 00
	Amount carried forward.....	584 20

1906		Amount brought forward.....	\$ 584 20
Jan.	15	By cash paid Thomas Cook (janitor).....	2 00
	16	By cash paid Jno. W. Cotten.....	9 50
	27	By cash paid F. M. Moye.....	15 55
	20	By cash paid Jno. C. Drewry, Grand Sec'y, 1905.....	1,200 00
	20	By cash paid Grand Treasurer, for 1905.....	200 00
	20	By cash paid Carolina Hardware Co.....	1 40
	20	By cash paid R. H. Bradley.....	46 71
	20	By cash paid John A. Collins.....	151 25
	20	By cash paid Grand Sec'y's, office (postage).....	100 00
	27	By cash paid Jaques Busbee.....	25 00
	27	By cash paid S. N. Boyce.....	13 95
	31	By cash paid Grand Sec'y's, office (express).....	36 25
Feb.	1	By cash paid J. B. Green.....	2 50
	2	By cash paid H. Mahler's Sons.....	25 00
	2	By cash paid W. W. Willson, Ass't Grand Sec'y.....	25 00
	5	By cash paid Carolina Woodworkers.....	8 80
	15	By cash paid W. S. Sherman & Co.....	11 00
	17	By cash paid F. D. Winston, D. G. M.....	14 50
	24	By cash paid Royall & Borden Fur Co.....	4 20
March	2	By cash paid C. H. Robinson, P. G. M.....	13 00
	2	By cash paid Edwards & Broughton.....	90 00
	2	By cash paid Southern Stamp and Stationery Co.....	14 79
	2	By cash paid <i>The Orphans' Friend</i> .....	85 50
	2	By cash paid Keystone Badge Co.....	18 00
	17	By cash paid T. F. Brockwell.....	4 50
	17	By cash paid Raleigh Ins. and Realty Co.....	110 00
	20	By cash paid Alfred Williams & Co.....	5 75
April	20	By cash paid W. R. Vaughan.....	9 00
	17	By cash paid Raleigh Ins. and Realty Co.....	110 00
	20	By cash paid North Carolina Home Ins. Co.....	251 80
	23	By cash paid Grand Sec'y's office (postage).....	50 00
	25	By cash paid W. W. Willson, Act'g G. Tiler, exp.....	13 10
	26	By cash paid Masonic Hall Com., rent.....	50 00
	28	By cash paid Edwards & Broughton.....	34 20
May	2	By cash paid Grand Sec'y's office (postage).....	50 00
	2	By cash paid Grand Sec'y's office (express).....	88 74
	2	By cash paid W. W. Willson, Ass't G. Sec'y.....	25 00
June	16	By cash paid Weaver & Lynch.....	10 50
	2	By cash paid R. F. Edwards, D. D. G. M.....	9 00
	2	By cash paid H. G. Owens, D. D. G. M.....	11 83
	6	By cash paid Grand Treas., on account 1906.....	100 00
	6	By cash paid Carolina Trust Co., Ins.....	44 00
July	27	By cash paid Anderson Betts, A. G. Tiler.....	8 80
	2	By cash paid F. D. Winston, G. M.....	24 90
	3	By cash paid Leon Cash, D. D. G. M.....	23 35
	3	By cash paid J. F. Abel, D. D. G. M.....	27 50
	9	By cash paid W. W. Willson, Ass't G. Sec'y.....	28 90
	30	By cash paid J. E. Cameron, Custodian.....	16 40
	30	By cash paid F. M. Moye, A. G. L.....	16 15
	30	By cash paid Leon Cash, Custodian.....	22 75
	30	By cash paid S. N. Boyce, Custodian.....	25 50
	30	By cash paid Chas. F. Bahnson, A. G. L.....	25 00
Amount carried forward.....			3,894 77

		Amount brought forward.....	\$ 3,894 77
July	30	By cash paid J. W. Rowell, A. G. L.....	28 20
	30	By cash paid R. F. Edwards, A. G. L.....	32 00
	30	By cash paid J. L. Banner, D. D. G. M.....	15 00
	30	By cash paid W. C. Crowell, D. D. G. M.....	31 55
Aug.	7	By cash paid S. Gallert.....	18 20
	11	By cash paid E. M. Uzzell & Co.....	2 50
	15	By cash paid Macon Pub. and Masonic Sup. Co..	7 79
	24	By cash paid W. B. Ballou, D. D. G. M.....	20 15
	24	By cash paid B. S. Royster, P. G. M.....	23 20
	24	By cash paid North Carolina Home Ins. Co.....	12 00
	24	By cash paid North Carolina Home Ins. Co.....	44 00
	27	By cash paid Jno. W. Cotten, P. G. M.....	7 50
	29	By cash paid C. E. Whitney, acc. S. J. Durham, D. D. G. M.....	31 00
Sept.	3	By cash paid W. S. Primrose, Auditor, on acc.....	50 00
	5	By cash paid Francis D. Winston, G. M.....	24 50
	14	By cash paid Grand Sec'y's office (postage).....	50 00
Oct.	4	By cash paid Jaques Busbee.....	25 00
	19	By cash paid Chas. F. Bahnson, A. G. L.....	15 20
	19	By cash paid B. W. Hatcher.....	18 00
Nov.	20	By cash paid Grand Sec'y's office (postage).....	50 00
Dec.	4	By cash paid <i>The Orphans' Friend</i> .....	799 50
	7	By cash paid G. Rosenthal, Treasurer Oxford Orphan Asylum.....	60 00
	15	By cash paid C. L. Pridgen, D. D. G. M.....	29 70
	18	By cash paid Leon Cash, D. D. G. M.....	10 33
	18	By cash paid Hilary Brunot.....	13 30
	20	By cash paid W. W. Willson, Ass't Grand Sec'y, bal. 1906.....	75 00
	28	By cash paid Oxford Orphan Asylum, amt. app.....	3,000 00
	31	By cash paid R. H. Bradley, G. Librarian.....	50 00
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Jan.	3	By cash paid John C. Drewry, Treas. Masonic Temple Fund.....	3,000 00
	4	By cash paid N. Y. Underwriter's Agency, Ins.....	111 10
	4	By cash paid Grand Treas., bal. sal'y 1906.....	100 00
	5	By cash paid W. S. Primrose, Auditor, balance salary 1906.....	50 00
		Total disbursements.....	\$ 11,699 49
		Balance on hand.....	4,647 07
		Total.....	\$ 16,346 56

Respectfully submitted,

LEO D. HEARTT,

*Grand Treasurer.*

## GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was read and referred to the Auditing Committee:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Another stage in the history of Freemasonry in North Carolina has been passed, and once more it becomes my pleasant duty to submit for your consideration my eleventh annual report as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

I have again during the year, made an earnest attempt to get every lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction to send in its report promptly on or before November 25th preceding the session of the Grand Lodge, as prescribed by the Code, but some of the Secretaries continue to be negligent, and fail to report until just before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and some few of them even wait until the Grand Lodge is in session to send in their reports and remittances by their representatives attending the Grand Lodge. This causes confusion at each session of the Grand Lodge, and prevents the Grand Secretary from making a full and complete report of the exact condition of the Craft, which should be done at each Annual Communication. During the past year I addressed to the Secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges who were behind in making reports, four separate communications trying to impress upon them the importance of being prompt with these reports, and making a personal appeal to them asking that, out of consideration for the welfare of Masonry, they send their reports promptly.

I hope that the Lecturers and the District Deputy Grand Masters in visiting the Subordinate Lodges, will always impress upon the Secretaries the importance of complying with the law in regard to making reports. There is a decided improvement in this matter in contrast with the

practice that existed eight or ten years ago, but there is still room for further improvement, and I hope that the time will come in the near future when it can be stated to the Grand Lodge at each Annual Communication that every lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction is not only in a prosperous condition, but that they have all complied with the law in regard to sending in their reports and paying Grand Lodge dues.

#### NEW LODGES.

New lodges have been established under the dispensation of the Grand Master as follows:

February 15th—Zephyr Lodge, at Zephyr, Surry County.  
 March 8th—Elise Lodge, at Hemp, Moore County.  
 March 14th—Blowing Rock Lodge, at Blowing Rock, Watanga County.  
 June 13th—Roman Eagle Lodge, at Aberdeen, Moore County.  
 July 4th—Revolution Lodge, at Greensboro, Guilford County.  
 August 22nd—Madison Lodge, at Madison, Rockingham County.  
 September 1st—Carolina Lodge, at Liberty Randolph County.  
 September 3rd—Neill S. Stewart Lodge, at Duke, Harnett County.  
 September 7th—Elon Lodge, at Elon College, Alamance County.  
 September 24th—Glenville Lodge, at Glenville, Jackson County.  
 October 16th—Grassy Branch Lodge, at Terrell, Catawba County.  
 October 30th—Maysville Lodge at Maysville, Jones County.

The following lodges were continued under dispensation at the last session of the Grand Lodge:

Bee Log Lodge, at Bee Log, Yancey County.  
 Vesper Lodge, at Spruce Pine, Mitchell County.

#### LODGES REVIVED.

The charters have been restored to the following lodges and they have resumed work:

February 3rd—Pamlico Lodge No. 300, at Aurora, Pamlico County.  
 February 28th—Randleman Lodge No. 209, at Randleman, Randolph County.  
 April 12th—Cherokee Lodge No. 197, at Stoneville, Rockingham County.  
 October 23rd, Jefferson Lodge No. 219, at Jefferson, Ashe County.

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 CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

The following lodges surrendered their charters and ceased to work:

Dan River Lodge No. 129, at Madison.  
 Waxhaw Lodge No. 442, at Waxhaw.  
 Randleman Lodge No. 209, at Randleman.

## SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following Special Communications were held by the Grand Lodge during the year under authority of the Grand Master:

February 8th—Shelmerdine, N. C.  
 April 11th—Mount Olive, N. C.  
 April 19th—Hamlet, N. C.  
 June 23rd—Oxford, N. C.  
 June 27th—Kinston, N. C.  
 October 27th—Andrews, N. C.  
 November 8th—Red Springs, N. C.  
 November 8th—Winston-Salem, N. C.  
 November 27th—Maxton, N. C.

## REVENUE.

Receipts to December 20th, 1906, from all sources		\$11,881 90
From lodge dues.....	\$ 11,500 15	
Charter and dispensation fees, less Grand Secretary's fees.....	342 00	
Sale of Codes, certificates and other items.....	39 75	11,881 90
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Paid Leo D. Heartt, Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts .....		\$11,881 90

## RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS.

Number lodges in jurisdiction.....	352	
Number lodges in jurisdiction under dispensation.....	14	
Number lodges that have made returns.....	326	
Number Master Masons at date of last report.....		15,528
Number initiated.....	1,703	
Number passed.....	1,525	
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Carried forward.....		15,528

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Brought forward.....	15,528
Number raised .....	1,486
Number admitted.....	420
Number reinstated.....	137
Fourteen lodges under dispensation (estimated).....	210 2,253
Total .....	17,781
Number suspended .....	30
Number expelled.....	10
Number excluded.....	246
Number withdrawn.....	420
Number died.....	240 946
Number Master Masons October 31st, 1906.....	16,835

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The above statements are exceedingly gratifying and encouraging, and show a steady and healthy increase along all lines which tend to the upbuilding, growth and welfare of our Order in the State.

In accordance with my usual custom, I bring forward the receipts and the membership this year and compare them with the receipts and membership eleven years ago, which will show the rapid growth of Masonry in the State. In the year 1895 the receipts from all sources to the Grand Lodge were \$4,799.50. The total receipts this year, as shown above, are \$11,891.90, which is an increase in receipts over 150 per cent. In 1895 the number of Master Masons reported in the State in good standing was 9,842. We now have a membership of 16,835 which is an increase of 72 per cent.

#### MASONIC TEMPLE.

The work in regard to the Masonic Temple has been progressing in a very satisfactory way during the year, as will be shown by the report of the Masonic Temple Committee. The main efforts during the year have been directed in securing donations by the card system. Some of the District Deputy Grand Masters have done most excellent work along this line, and this and other matters accomplished by the District Deputy Grand Masters during the year, have



shown the wisdom of adopting this system in our State. The complete plans for building the Temple will be in readiness in a few weeks, and the contract for building the Temple will be let March 1st. The Temple is now an assured fact, and no one can longer doubt the success of this worthy enterprise.

CONCLUSION.

I need not return my thanks for your repeated manifestations of esteem and confidence. You have bestowed them, as I stated in my last report, on a willing heart and a ready hand, willing and eager to work for Masonry in this State, and my heart is warm with gratitude to the many brethren all over this State who have been to me friends and brethren indeed.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN C. DREWRY,

*Grand Secretary.*

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Bro. G. Rosenthal, for the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, submitted the following report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Orphan Asylum:

*To the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina:*

Your Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum have the honor to submit to you their annual report of the management and condition of this institution. That the Asylum is worthy of your confidence and jealous care is fully attested by the universal esteem in which it is held by all classes of people in our commonwealth. Of this universal sympathy and interest your Board has many tokens. What in the beginning was an effort on your part to aid the

helpless and give expression to something of the spirit of benevolence that inspires your ancient Order, has come to be one of the institutions that is foremost in the appreciation of the public. The knowledge of this makes your Board only the more jealous for the protection and progress of the work placed in their hands.

While a generous public has responded to the needs of your institution with a cheerfulness and liberality that is an honor to a cultivated and enlightened citizenship, we should not lose sight of the fact that the calls on the benevolent people of the State are becoming more frequent and exacting as other institutions of a similar nature to ours increase in number and proportion. The charity contributions of churches and other bodies of benevolent citizens, which in the early days of the orphan work in this State, were largely given to our Asylum, are now subject to division among the numerous philanthropic institutions which have been established during the past few years. This condition existing, should we not be admonished of the importance of renewed efforts looking to an increase of our permanent fund?

Our Asylum was established over a third of a century ago—the full average life of a generation, and yet the invested fund for its future support is very small. The work of the past year shows abundant cause why all of us should feel duly appreciative of the wise and successful administration of the affairs of the Asylum by Col. W. J. Hicks, Superintendent.

The following facts in detail will acquaint you with the condition of your property and the management of its interests.

At the close of our fiscal year we had 280 children under our care, all of whom were in good health. A silver tablet in memory of the late Grand Master, Robert W. Best, has been placed in the library in the main building in accordance with an agreement between the heirs of the late Miss Bynum and ourselves.

Legacies amounting to \$5,629.39 have been received as follows:

From the Executors of the late W. Duke, Esq., Durham.....	\$ 3,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ Mrs. Mary Boner, Winston-Salem.....	400 00
From the Executors of the late Mrs. Malvina T. White, Winston-Salem .....	1,429 39
From the Trustee of the late Miss Bynum, Wilson County, on account .....	700 00
From the Trustee of the late Miss Baird, Asheville, (annual) .....	100 00
Total.....	\$ 5,629 39

Looking to the future needs of the Asylum we have created an investment fund to which we have applied sundry legacies and other monies in hand and have elected Mr. B. N. Duke, Trustee of this fund. We have placed in his hands \$11,000.00 which he has invested in 113 shares of the par value of \$100.00 each of the preferred stock of the Erwin Cotton Mills.

The conditions of this fund are:

1st. That all legacies which were in hand at the time of its creation and all which may hereafter be received and the income from same, shall be invested in it.

2nd. That no part of it shall be expended for any purpose whatever except by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the Board of Directors.

3rd. That the Board add to this fund such sums of money from any receipts of the institution as it may see proper and any amount so added shall be kept in the same manner as legacies. Concerning the Minneapolis property, we have been unable up to this time to dispose of it at the price fixed by you, in fact, we have had no positive offer which is doubtless due to the illness of our attorney. We trust we shall be able to sell it during the coming year at \$3,000.00 or more.

The fire insurance on the Asylum property is placed by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and the premium paid by the Grand Lodge. We recommend that the policies

be turned over to us and we be authorized to place the insurance, the premium to be paid as now. We make this recommendation for the purpose of enabling us to make such changes in the amounts and property covered, as may from time to time become necessary.

It should be gratifying and a source of pride to every Mason in the State to note the increased interest the people are taking in the tours of the Singing Class. The gross receipts from that source for the past year have been \$8,440.00 as against \$6,247.62 in 1905, showing an increase of \$2,192.38.

We have examined the buildings of the institution and find them, as well as everything else pertaining to it, in first class condition, a condition which has prevailed ever since Col. Hicks, the Superintendent, has taken charge of the Asylum, and too much praise cannot be bestowed upon him and his efficient corps of assistants for the admirable and thorough manner in which they conduct the great work entrusted to them. We ask for an appropriation of \$3,000.00 for the coming year.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed) F. D. WINSTON,  
*Grand Master.*

N. B. BROUGHTON,

E. F. LOVILL,

T. A. GREEN,

C. W. TOMS,

JNO. W. COTTEN,

J. M. CURRIN,

G. ROSENTHAL,

*Directors present.*

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REPORT OF TREASURER OF OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Bro. G. Rosenthal, Treasurer of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, submitted his report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Orphan Asylum:

*To the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum:*

GENTLEMEN:—In presenting to you my report for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1906, it is exceedingly gratifying to make so favorable an exhibit of the financial condition of your institution. The total receipts have been \$49,270.70, to which add balance on hand November 1, 1905, \$9726.70, making a total of \$58,997.40. The disbursements as per statement amount to \$50,498.61 leaving a balance of \$8,498.79, of which \$2,073.52 is on deposit in the Raleigh Savings Bank and \$6,425.27 in the Bank of Granville, the former bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum.

Mr. Jos. G. Brown, Trustee under the will of the late Miss Bynum of Saratoga, Wilson County, has paid seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) on account of the legacy left by her to the Asylum and will pay the principal of a bond of the city of Raleigh for five hundred dollars (\$500.00) at its maturity which will be on the 1st of July, 1907. I have received ninety dollars (\$90.00) accrued interest on said bond.

A legacy of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) has been left by the late Washington Duke, Esq. of Durham and one of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) by the late Mrs. Mary Boner of Winston-Salem, both of which have been paid to me.

In accordance with a resolution passed by you on the 14th of December 1905 creating an Investment Fund, I have sent Mr. B. N. Duke, whom you elected Trustee of said Fund, (\$11,000.00) eleven thousand dollars for which I hold his receipts.

While the disbursements appear to be large, I call your attention to the sum just mentioned, this payment being

merely a change of accounts, which leaves the actual disbursements thirty nine thousand, four hundred and ninety eight dollars and sixty-one cents (\$39,498.61).

Mr. H. Montague, Executor of the late Mrs. Malvina White has made final settlement and paid to the Wachovia Loan and Trust Company, Winston, \$1,429.39. The Company suggested that the Asylum add seventy dollars and sixty one cents (\$70.61) to make it an even fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00). I sent the amount, having obtained the consent of the Grand Master and Bro. C. W. Toms, a member of the Executive Committee and have been advised that one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) has been invested in a bond of the Winston-Salem Power Company and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in a bond of the Bingham School, both bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. a year, due and payable on January 1st and July 1st of each year. The twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) heretofore received from this source have been invested in bonds of the Arista Cotton Mills also bearing six per cent. interest, payable April 1st and October 1st.

The invested funds of your institution are now as follows:

Amount in hands of B. N. Duke, Trustee.....	\$ 11,000 00
“ “ “ “ Wachovia Loan and Trust Co., Trustee..	4,000 00
“ “ “ “ The Grand Lodge, Trustee.....	1,000 00
“ “ “ “ Jos. G. Brown, Trustee.....	500 00
Annual legacy of the late Miss Baird, Asheville.....	100 00
Minneapolis property (estimated).....	2,500 00
Total.....	\$ 19,100 00

Bro. F. H. Busbee who has recently visited Minneapolis, informed me that Mr. Weed Monro, your attorney there for a number of years, is a very sick man and I fear he will not recover.

As directed by you at the meeting of June 22nd, last, I have examined the monthly payroll for 1905 and 1906, and find that your Superintendent has drawn no salary during that time.

In order to arrive at the amount expended for maintenance etc., there should be deducted from the receipts the sums paid on account of the Sash, Door and Blind Factory, the Printing Office, the Singing Class and Repairs and Improvements, also the charge of fuel and power furnished the two first departments, all of which items appear in the report of the Superintendent. A further deduction of \$11,000.00, which amount has been transferred to Mr. B. N. Duke, Trustee of the Investment Fund, must be made. I append condensed statement of receipts and itemized statements of receipts and disbursements.

Fraternally submitted,

G. ROSENTHAL,  
*Secretary & Treasurer.*

October 31st, 1906.



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CONDENSED REPORT OF RECEIPTS FOR TWELVE MONTHS, ENDING  
OCTOBER 31st, 1906.

State appropriation .....	\$	10,000	00
Grand Lodge appropriation for 1905 .....		3,500	00
Masonic lodges .....		3,364	31
Masons and other citizens .....		1,173	14
Neuse Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., Goldsboro, N. C. ....		10	00
Churches, Schools and Sunday-schools .....		463	44
Proceeds of concerts of Singing Class .....		8,440	00
Sale of refreshments on St. John's day .....		381	17
Legacies W. Duke .....	\$	3,000	00
"    Miss Bynum .....		700	00
"    Mrs. Mary Boner .....		400	00
"    Miss Baird, (annual) .....		100	00
	—	\$	4,200 00
<i>Orphans' Friend</i> , subscriptions .....		2,564	86
"    "    advertisements .....		193	85
"    "    job work .....		1,706	91
"    "    stationery sold .....		52	00
	—	\$	4,517 62
Sash, Door and Blind Factory .....	\$	10	884 54
Shoe Shop .....		696	70
Interest .....		458	94
Rent, Minneapolis .....	\$	154	37
"    Farmer's house .....		35	15
	—		189 52
Earnings of boys in Furniture Factory .....		665	79
Farm produce sold .....		129	41
Meals and provisions sold .....		92	84
Freight refunded and other items .....		22	61
Old clothing, old brick, etc., sold .....		30	39
G. B. Curtis & Co. ....		33	97
Mite boxes .....		3	07
Unknown sources .....		13	24
	—	\$	49,270 70
Balance on hand November 1st, 1905 .....		9,726	70
	—	\$	58,997 40

[Note closing paragraph of Treasurer's report, preceding page, and for statement of expenditures under regular maintenance account and school account see pages 52-53 of Superintendent's report.]

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## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Bro. W. J. Hicks, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, submitted his report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Orphan Asylum.

*To the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum:*

BRETHREN:—After the lapse of another twelve months, it is my duty and privilege to make a statement relative to the work of the thirty-fourth year of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

The statistics as to the movement of the children to and from the Orphanage, and the usual financial statements, are given in an appendix to this general report.

### PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PLANT.

No very great additions or permanent improvements to the buildings of the institution have seemed to be demanded during the year.

A house has been erected in the rear of the kitchen for use by the cook-room workers in preparing the vegetables consumed. A water tank and shed have been constructed in the grove, and these are of especial value at the St. John's Day celebration on the grounds of the institution. An ample shed for our herd of cows and convenient and durable coal bins have been built. The roofs to nearly all of the buildings have been repaired and repainted.

These and other minor permanent improvements to the material equipment have cost about \$1,500.

### INDUSTRIAL WORK.

The Farm, Dairy, Shoe Shop, Printing Office and Wood-Working Shop grow increasingly busy and the kitchen, dining rooms, laundry, sewing rooms and other departments in which the girls are engaged are also active places.

As statements following this report show, the year's activities in Printing Office and Wood Working Shop have resulted in fair financial gain. But we should consider them of rather small worth if the money profit

from their operation approximated their value to the institution. To commercialize the institution would be to impair its service, to turn it from its high mission. If it were necessary, in order to offer the opportunity for a more thorough and valuable training for our young people, that any of our industrial departments be conducted at additional cost or less money profit, the first consideration would be given to investment in the improvement of the children. We are conscious of our duty to guard well against extravagance or waste of money, but we accept as a sacred obligation the employment of the money entrusted to us in a way which seems to promise the richest dividends in human lives. The judicious employment of funds in an institution like this is far more in the nature of an investment than an expenditure.

The extension of the circulation of *The Orphans' Friend and Masonic Journal* will be the means of accomplishing an immeasurable amount of good. We thank the patrons of the paper for their support, and urge even a more general and active cooperation in the effort to place it in the hands of a far larger number of Masons and into more of the homes of North Carolina.

The number of children in the various industrial departments remains practically as last reported, though there have been a number of changes of girls from one to another department of household work. Fewer removals of boys from one to another department have been made, because when a boy begins to learn a trade he continues this training unless it is decided that a transfer to other work will be to his interest. It is our purpose to enable the girls to acquire knowledge and experience in all kinds of domestic work, but we are convinced that very frequent changes of their duties tend to demoralize the departments and lessen the thoroughness and value of the training of the girls.

The capable help of those in charge of the industrial departments is indeed essential to the harmonious, effective

operation of the institution. Weak or careless work in any of the departments weakens beyond estimate the whole institution. Competent service on the part of any of our workers merits our appreciation and gratitude, for the issues involved are indeed vital.

#### SCHOOL.

With the same faculty, the school activities have continued according to plans carefully made.

The number of girls and boys who pursue their studies at school after they go from our institution is increasing. Our young people are encouraged in a worthy ambition to better prepare themselves for useful lives. The idea is inculcated that, in securing equipment for life, much effort on their part is absolutely necessary. When we can, we see to it that the healthy, strong boys and girls who go from us to school are provided and accept the opportunity and privilege of doing a reasonable amount of work to help defray their own expenses. When other financial assistance is required to continue the school course, as a rule, we encourage loans to them rather than gifts. Many friends of God and man are ready to cheer and help any faithfully struggling young people.

Five more boys left us this fall to enter school. Six girls, who were already in North Carolina schools, reached during the year the age of discharge from the Orphanage, and passed from under its special care and control.

#### COTTAGE LIFE.

In the cottage or family life, so fundamental in the training of the boys and girls, I can also report evidence of improvement. There seems to be, upon the whole, a skillful, persevering effort to adapt the instruction and training, so far as may be, to the needs and capacities of individual children, to lead them into experiences and activities which have character forming effect.

An ideal toward which we would continually strive is

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the reproduction of true and normal family life, in so far as this is possible in our institution.

#### HEALTH.

No epidemic has visited us during the twelve months. We have had very little sickness, and only one death. Alex Draughan, twelve years of age, died of fever August 5th. His mother was with him before his death. Her grief at the loss of her boy was deep, but she was, we believe, blessed by a true spirit of gratitude for the tender ministrations to him in his sickness and to her in her sorrow.

#### ADMISSION OF CHILDREN.

Since last report, ninety-nine applications for admission of children have been referred to our Executive Committee. Seventy-seven of these have been approved by the Committee or by the Board of Directors, ten have been disapproved, three will be referred to the Board at this meeting, and nine have not yet been acted upon by the Committee.

Approved applications for the reception of twenty-one children are in hand, and it is probable that the opportunity to secure the admission of at least ten of these children will not be accepted by those who made the applications.

As our orphans' homes grow in favor, there is even greater need for thoughtful and thorough investigation and consideration of the conditions which surround and affect the children whose admission into these institutions is sought. Marked injustice and wrong may be done if the removal of children from a true mother, who is left widowed and in straitened financial condition, is *too readily* accepted as the wisest and most effective method to employ in their behalf. Though loath to give up her own, the mother, discouraged and perplexed at the loss of husband and breadwinner, may turn to the commitment of her children to an orphans' home as the only opportunity for them and for her. Then comes the manifest duty and responsibility of those who have the decision in the matter of the admission of the

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children into an institution, *to enquire fully into the circumstances in the case, and, if the natural mother is judged to be a competent guardian for her children, to accept their removal from her and the breaking up of the family only when no means or method of holding the home together by rational assistance, temporary or continued, can be found or devised.*

I agree with Dr. Edward Devine, who has devoted his eminent abilities to social service, that "to preserve a normal family life for growing children, even with sacrifices, and even with external relief, with their own parents when they are fit guardians, and to prevent the breaking up of any family until evidence is clear that the physical and the spiritual welfare of one or more of its members make it absolutely necessary, are primary conditions of a sound relief policy."

Eliminating all cases where it is thought best to employ means to keep the children with competent mothers or near relatives, there will still be many children bereft of father or of both parents, who need and can probably be most effectively aided through the instrumentality of institutions like ours. *But we desire to strongly impress upon the brethren the importance of a most thorough examination into the facts connected with each application for admission of children, and of most diligent care in the decision as to their acceptance into the Orphanage.*

#### PLACING OF CHILDREN IN HOMES.

We find that forty more applications for children to go from the institution to homes or positions were received this year than last. If we mistake not, the total number of applications was two hundred and forty-three. We have placed twenty-four children in homes other than those of their mothers or near relatives. We placed these boys and girls when, after a careful investigation, we decided that the homes offered gave promise of being better places for the children than the Oxford Orphan Asylum would be. There are some homes which approach the ideal as foster



homes for children. Yet we conceive it to be our sacred duty to use all the means we have and to improve our facilities for finding out the really good, suitable homes offered. *Before the selection of the child is made and it is placed under the care of its foster-parents, we seek to acquire as much knowledge as we can as to the home and the people who make the home. After the child is placed in a home, the very best possible method of supervision should surely be employed. We know that action in this matter may affect most vitally the future of the child in this world and the next. Work like this must be done carefully and safeguarded in every practicable manner.*

The Oxford Orphan Asylum needs\* a good Field Worker to cooperate with our Masonic brethren in the many important and responsible duties in connection with the institution out in the State. You recognized this need when sometime since you authorized the employment of such a worker. I am sure you join with me in the desire and effort to obtain the right person, that the efficiency of our institution may be increased.

We have been going slowly in placing children in homes and, with our present Orphanage working force, have done some work of investigating and supervising. Our brethren and friends have invariably welcomed and commended the cooperation and assistance we have given them.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

The receipts from the Singing Class tours were \$8,367.75 and, including \$72.25 from last year's tours, \$8,440.00.

When the amount paid from the institution on the expenses of the tours and the bills of the printing office and other of our departments against this account are deducted, the net from the tours is \$7,232.05.

The Masonic picnics which the Class attends add much to the receipts which are entered to this account, and the good people throughout the State express their approval of



orphanage work and of the character of the concerts in a manner unmistakable and most helpful. Our Treasurer gives in his report itemized statement of receipts of concerts and picnics. We would not unduly emphasize this feature, but we believe the tours result in much lasting benefit to this and the other orphans' homes of North Carolina and also that they bring blessing to many men and women, boys and girls, in deepening their interest in and increasing their efforts for orphan children.

The minds and hearts of our people, we are grateful to say, turn with special tenderness to our orphans' homes at Thanksgiving and Christmas times and the liberal offerings made then are a large mutual benediction.

We earnestly desire and confidently expect a growth of interest in the St. John's Day special campaign on the part of the Masonic lodges of the State in behalf of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

Again let us heartily commend the service rendered our cause by the faithful public school teachers of North Carolina and the young people under their instruction. The far-reaching, ever increasing beneficent influence of the activity of our schools in the interest of this or any other worthy work cannot be estimated. Can we teach a better lesson to our children, one which will tell more mightily in their lives and in the extension of the kingdom of God, than to teach them to reach forth the hand of help to their fellow men who need their help.

Charitable impulses expressed are, I believe, always a blessing to those who express them, but when the expression is made in an unwise way, those we intend to help may not be benefited at all and, sometimes may be injured, but if a loving motive is expressed in sound and sensible action, the mutual benefit is beyond measure.

FINALLY.

Brethren, does not such an institution as the Oxford Orphan Asylum stand for *opportunity*? Its high mission is

to open the door of opportunity to the homeless children of our State. It is firmly rooted in the purpose that every orphan child that comes within its walls shall have an opportunity to think great thoughts, to feel and respond to the mighty pulse of love that beats in this, our Father's universe, to serve men, to honor God.

And this institution stands not only for the opportunity of orphan children, but for the opportunity of all of our people. It affords an opportunity for the enlargement of human sympathy, the development of human benevolence, the broadening of human efforts. It offers opportunity to cooperate with God, to labor with Him in the great work of building the world anew, of transforming men.

Among the very highest expressions of the infinite wisdom and love of God is the opportunity He gives us to unite with Him in ministry to men.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. HICKS,  
*Superintendent.*

#### APPENDIX.

Usual statement showing movement of children to and from the institution:

	Girls.	Boys.	Total.
Children on roll November 1st, 1905.....	135	131	266
Admitted during the year.....	36	39	75
Readmitted .....	6	1	7
	177	171	348
From roll during year .....	33	35	68
On roll November 1st, 1906.....	144	136	280
	Girls.	Boys.	Total.
Went to own people .....	16	14	30
Went to other approved homes.....	11	13	24
Went to school.....		5	5
Girls at school who, this year, reached age of discharge, (names erased from roll).....	6		6
Ran away.....		2	2
Died .....		1	1
	33	35	68

[One boy entered the A. & M. College, assisted by Grand Chapter R. A. M. of N. C., two entered Trinity Park High School and two entered Central Academy, at Littleton.]

The usual financial report follows. We refer you to Treasurer's report for detailed statement.

#### CLOTHING ACCOUNT.

Cost clothing, sewing room supplies and extra labor.....	\$ 1,059 57	
Salary matrons.....	567 67	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 1,627 24
Less clothing and rags sold .....		11 04
		<u>          </u> \$ 1,616 20

#### PROVISION ACCOUNT.

Cost provisions and kitchen supplies purchased.....	\$ 5,782 70	
Salaries matron and baker.....	780 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 6,562 70
Less provisions sold, meals, bread, June 24th receipts, etc .....		475 17
		<u>          </u> \$ 6,087 53

#### GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Cost sundry supplies, furniture, postage, etc .....	\$ 2,087 53	
Salaries itemized below.....	1,535 23	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 3,622 76
Less labor boys in furniture factory (\$665.79), sundry sales, etc.....		764 10
		<u>          </u> \$ 2,858 66
Salary paid superintendent.....	\$ 00	
Salary paid clerk and storekeeper.....	900 00	
Half salary lady supervisor.....	456 68	
Baker for extra work.....	60 00	
Drayman.....	118 55	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 1,535 23

#### LAUNDRY ACCOUNT.

Cost supplies and new extractor.....	\$ 399 04	
Salary matron.....	360 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 759 04
Carried forward.....		\$ 11,321 43

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Brought forward..... \$ 11,321 43

## HOSPITAL ACCOUNT.

Cost of supplies.....\$ 143 99  
 Doctors' bills..... 104 00  
 Salary matron..... 250 00  
 —————\$ 497 99  
 Less sales..... 4 25  
 —————\$ 493 74

## FARM ACCOUNT.

Cost labor, seed, fertilizer, team of horses,  
 wagons, etc.....\$ 2,317 20  
 Salary farmer and assistant..... 682 50  
 —————\$ 2,999 70  
 Less sale products..... 129 41  
 —————\$ 2,870 29

## SHOE SHOP ACCOUNT.

Cost material, etc.....\$ 702 20  
 Salary manager..... 500 00  
 —————\$ 1,202 20  
 Less cash received for work..... 696 70  
 —————\$ 505 50

## WOOD AND COAL ACCOUNT.

Cost wood and coal.....\$ 1,950 91  
 Less cash freight rebate..... 1 25  
 —————\$ 1,949 66  
 Less fuel (estimated) for wood-working  
 shop and printing office..... 550 00  
 —————\$ 1,399 66  
 Net expenditures charged maintenance  
 accounts above (average 276 chil-  
 dren) ..... \$ 16,590 62

## SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Cost material, books, etc.....\$ 121 14  
 Salaries teachers and half salary lady supervisor..... 3,182 95  
 —————\$ 3,304 09  
 Net maintenance and school accounts..... \$ 19,894 71

## REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS ACCOUNT.

Cash expended this account.....	\$ 865 05
Less cash sales, rebates, etc.....	20 05
	—————\$ 845 00

Taking into the calculation our inventories, which are necessarily rather inaccurate, we make the per capita cost of maintaining each child for the twelve months approximately \$58.35, and of maintenance and education about \$70.35, *above the earnings of the institution and the donations in kind used.*

Annual financial statements are rendered for printing office and wood-working shop.

## PRINTING OFFICE.

Cr.

Cash from subscriptions, <i>Orphans' Friend</i> .....	\$ 2,564 86
Cash from advertisements.....	193 85
Cash from job work.....	1,706 91
Cash sale stationery.....	52 00
Received in trade for advertisements.....	86 85
General Asylum work (school \$29 75).....	210 70
Singing Class work.....	158 45
Accounts receivable, (job \$1,253 14, adv. \$416 57) ..	1,669 71
Inventory material on hand.....	650 91
Accounts payable last report.....	12 80
Permanent improvements paid for.....	150 00
	—————\$ 7,457 04

Dr.

Material on hand last report.....	\$ 606 98
Accounts receivable last report.....	1,196 60
Expended paper, material, freight, etc.....	1,853 94
Salaries .....	1,524 96
Extra labor.....	592 80
Postage, <i>Orphans' Friend</i> .....	167 00
Stove .....	12 00
Proportion fuel account.....	100 00
Wood-working shop bill.....	4 75
Accounts payable.....	00
	—————\$ 6,059 03
Profit .....	\$ 1,398 01

## WOOD-WORKING SHOP.

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Cash from sales and work.....	\$ 10,884 54
Accounts receivable.....	2,412 80
Work and material for Asylum.....	1,719 57
Material on hand.....	4,489 89
Accounts payable last report.....	00
	<hr/> \$ 19,506 80

*Dr.*

Material on hand last report.....	\$ 3,680 17
Fuel (estimated) .....	450 00
Expended for lumber, etc.....	7,116 29
Salary manager.....	900 00
Extra labor.....	2,869 35
Work by printing office.....	6 25
Work by farm.....	185 00
Accounts payable.....	00
Accounts receivable last report.....	1,559 47
	<hr/> \$ 16,766 53
Profit .....	<hr/> \$ 2,740 27

## DONATIONS IN KIND.

(Estimated.)

Provision account.....	\$ 162 35
Clothing account.....	283 20
Farm account.....	46 75
Hospital account.....	14 00
General expense account.....	35 15
Shoe shop account.....	53 25
School account.....	10 00
	<hr/> \$ 604 70

The statements given above are not altogether as complete and accurate as we desire them to be.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. J. HICKS,  
*Superintendent.*

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## REPORT OF GRAND LIBRARIAN.

Bro. R. H. Bradley, Grand Librarian, presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

It is with heartfelt thanks to Him who doeth all things well, that I am permitted once more to submit my report as Grand Librarian to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

I have received the following books, in addition to the regular exchanges from other Grand Lodges: Memoir of Theodore Sutton, of Iowa; Ahiman Rezon, of Pennsylvania, 1895; Ancient Charges, Constitution and Masonic Law, of Indiana; Digest of Decisions, of Michigan; Digest of Masonic Law of Vermont; Masonic Manual of Alabama; Book of Constitution and Code of Procedure of New York; History of Freemasonry in Illinois; Book of Constitution of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois; Ceremonial for the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

I once more call attention to the fact that we have not yet received Proceedings of the Grand Lodges which have been reported short heretofore, which I note below, with the hope that the Secretaries of those Grand Lodges will supply our wants: California, 1902; Colorado, 1902; Michigan, 1900; New Jersey, 1903; New Mexico, 1888; New York, 1903, and Virginia, 1904. South Dakota for 1905 has not been received.

The Proceedings of the following foreign Grand Lodges are short: Cuba, 1904; Costa Rica, 1904-5; Ireland, 1904-5; New South Wales, 1904; Queensland, 1905, South Africa, 1903; South Australia, 1904-5; Victoria, 1901 and Brazil, 1905.

As to the reprinted Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, we have never received but one volume (No. 9) covering the period of 1855-58. Our Grand Secretary was notified that those Grand Lodges who wanted them could be supplied. We informed the Grand Secretary of



Pennsylvania that we would be glad to receive them, but have not heard from him as yet.

We will, before the Temple is completed, have all the unbound Proceedings bound, so that the new library will make a neat appearance, and also to preserve the Proceedings.

I wish to suggest that a few volumes of the latest and best text books on the subject of Masonic Law and Jurisprudence would be a great help to our committees during the session of the Grand Lodge.

I hope to see the library grow and be of great value in the near future.

Fraternally submitted,

R. H. BRADLEY,

*Grand Librarian.*

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### GRAND ORATOR'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Jas. J. Carden, was then introduced by the Grand Master, and delivered the Annual Address, which, on motion of Bro. H. I. Clark, was ordered printed in the Proceedings, and a vote of thanks was unanimously extended to Grand Orator Jas. J. Carden.

*Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge :*

It is with pathetic feelings of profound solemnity that I appear before you this evening, though to perform the delightful task so graciously assigned me by the Supreme Head of this Most Worshipful Grand Jurisdiction. For while I appreciate the very high honor attached to the position of Grand Orator of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, especially at this the most important communication it ever convened, and would be either greater or less than human not to be proud of the high distinction you have thus

conferred on me. I am nevertheless overwhelmed with a studied realization of the stupendous responsibility I necessarily assume by accepting the appointment, for if I fail to meet the demands of the hour the discomfiture to you and to me would remain unameliorated forever, and the thousands of good Masons we here represent be grieved and humiliated beyond redemption. And, again, it is a most solemn event to me, because in all probability it is the last time I shall ever appear before you or your successors in any capacity whatever in this life; but if it should be so, what a glorious reunion we shall have up yonder in that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the universe presides. My work is nearly done, and my race is nearly run. I have wrought with the Craft long and faithfully, and, brethren, I shall not complain when called from labor to refreshment.

But now what shall I say? What shall be my theme? And what must be the manner of my speech? These are questions not easily answered. True, I have diligently endeavored to answer them in the following paragraphs, but with what degree of correctness you as a synod well versed in Masonic knowledge and erudition are now to judge. You will pardon me for thus so cautiously approaching my subject, for like Moses when listening to the call of God out of the burning bush, I am admonished that the place whereon I stand is holy ground.

It is a beautiful and very remarkable story which Ovid sings of Pygmalion, the ancient sculptor, and Galatea. The sculptor, so the story runs, was visited in his dreams by a form radiant with a perfection of beauty he had never witnessed in his waking hours. He ventured at last with faltering hand and misgiving heart to strive to produce that vision in sculptured form.

Dreaming by night and working by day he gradually transformed inanimate matter into statuary more exquisite than any ever before chiseled. The story also is that he became so imbued with the lofty sentiments this statue

aroused, and so threw his own soul into the work of the artist, that the cold and lifeless statue came to feel his inspiration, and when finally completed stepped down from its pedestal and became his living, breathing and loving Galatea.

Thus did the creator vivify his creation, and thus did the creature bless and immortalize its creator.

And, thus my brethren, have I striven to reproduce the vision I have of Masonry, until the glorious Order has become my living, moving, loving companion—so much so that everybody that sees me thinks of Freemasonry. And if I can talk at all, I ought to be able to talk about the institution of Masonry, for I love the Order with all my heart; and, as many of you know, my spirit is imbued with the noble principles it inculcates. But when I remember that you, my brethren, are fully informed on every phase of the subject, I am sure it will be impossible to tell you anything new. However, the delightful duty is upon me, and I shall proceed to discuss the general subject of Masonry under two heads, to-wit: The subjective and objective features and history of the Order.

By subjective features and history of the institution I mean its intrinsic character and what it has done for its own improvement, and by objective I refer to what it has accomplished for the rest of mankind. First, what then is Freemasonry in and of itself? I answer: It is the embodiment of perfection in human organizations; and is, therefore, capable of maintaining itself as such to the end of time, and this lofty claim is supported by the following facts when properly considered:

First, It is founded upon the Bible, “the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever.” Take from Freemasonry that great Light which adorns every true Masonic lodge in the world, and you remove the very foundation of the institution and the Order falls into decay and is no more than a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. All the ceremonies begin and end in holy Scripture, every promise

and vow, engagement or obligation, made or assumed by the candidate for Masonic light, rests upon the sacredness of God's holy Word. The hand that snatches at the Bible on our Masonic altars is the hand of an assassin, and infinitely worse than the murderer that kills his neighbor, although that neighbor be the President of France or of these United States, because the murder of one of these only destroys one life; whereas he who removes God's holy Word from our altar destroys the whole Fraternity, composed as it is of millions of good men. The case of Peru is in point, and so is that of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of France. Both of which tried that awful experiment of displacing the Bible from their lodges.

"On June 13, 1897, one Christian Dam was Grand Master of Masons in Peru, acknowledged as such by the entire Masonic world. But on that day he fell as Lucifer fell from heaven. The light departed from a star in the Masonic firmament, and the law which had held it in the course of the majestic sweep of the constellations of Grand Lodges was set at naught as the Fraternity in Peru plunged into the fathomless abyss of gross infidelity and hastened on to rankest atheism. This apostate issued an edict, on the 13th of June, 1897, directing that thereafter the Masonic altars in Peru should no longer support the Holy Bible, and all reference to that great light in Masonry should be excluded from their ritual. But as soon as this demand was communicated to the several Grand Lodges in the United States, they withdrew all fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Peru, and announcing its suicide, dismissing her representatives near their Grand Lodges, and recalling the commissions of their representatives near the Grand Lodge of Peru, and interdicting Masonic intercourse with all persons claiming allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Peru, unless and until the said edict of the said Christian Dam should be revoked, declared Peru out of harmony with the Masonic Order everywhere.

"The waves of infidelity which broke upon the shores

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of Peru had already submerged the Grand Lodge of France, and it is for us to see that they do not lap the coast of our Jurisdiction, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Peru should awaken us to alertness as sentinels on guard."

But how like the sun-burst from behind a dark and gloomy cloud, and an anthem from heaven, was the good news telegraphed all over the Masonic world, in the latter part of that same year, that the Grand Lodge of Peru had ignored the traitor and assassin, Christian Dam, and restored the Bible to all her lodges, and again taken her place among us as a true believer in the word of God.

And this incident also shows how quickly and promptly the glorious Order of Freemasonry can and does apply the healing remedy to the injured or diseased part of itself, and effect a permanent cure of the trouble at once and forever. It is said no joy in heaven equals that which is caused by the tears of the penitent.

"In the 'Lalla Rookh' of Thomas Moore the story of 'Paradise and the Peri' describes the priceless value attaching to the penitential tear, in words of matchless beauty.

"The Peri, as you remember, standing before the gates of heaven and gazing with wistful eyes at the crystal bar which held them closed against her, asked the guardian angel if perchance she might not by some means atone for the past and gain admittance into Paradise. The angel bade her seek throughout the universe for that which would prove most precious in the sight of heaven, bringing which the bars would fall and the gates open wide to receive her. You remember the story of her wanderings; how she brought back the last drop of blood from the heart of the last survivor of the brave defender of his native land against a conquering host of invasion. You remember how next she carried to the gates of Paradise the last sigh that escaped the lips of the dying maiden who gave up her life because of her love of another. You remember how each of these gifts proved unavailing, and that for the third time the Peri visited the earth. She descended by the side of a

playing boy, who had ceased his prattle and his games, to fall upon his knees by the wayside and lisp his childish prayers. Passing by was a man of many sins whose face was seamed with care and trouble. His hands were steeped in crime, his heart had been closed against pity, and his ugly visage spoke the ferocity of the beasts of the jungle. The prayers of the child falling upon his ears awakened memories of his own youth, the teachings of his father and the prayers of his mother. Flinging himself upon the grass upon the wayside, these trooping memories opened the fountains of his heart, and penitential tears swept down his cheeks. Then it was that a light streamed upon the scene from the heavens above. The Peri knew it to be the approving smile of the guardian angel, and, catching a tear from the sinner's cheek, she winged her way to the gates whose crystal bar had fallen, and which, swinging wide open before her, gave abundant and joyful entrance into Paradise forever."

"Then, brethren, let us thank God that the tear of penitence has glistened upon the swarthy cheek of the Peruvian Freemason; and let us stand with wide extended arms to receive all straying ones back to the fold—when they repent. How beautiful and impressive is the first lesson we receive on entering a Masonic lodge for the first time in one's life. Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garment! As the dew of Herman, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore."

And then, at his illumination, that inimitable passage of holy Scripture: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, and the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters, and God said: 'Let there be light,' and there was light." And thus the candidate for the advantages and privileges of Masonry



is made to feel that his entrance into the lodge represents what took place at the foundation of the world, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy, and the world was born, as it were, out from the eternal darkness of all the infinite past, and rolled out into light forever! And then again what could be more beautiful or important than the statement of the three principal doctrines or tenets of "a Mason's profession," which are brotherly love, relief and truth? For by the exercise of brotherly love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family—the high and the low; the rich and the poor; who, as created by one Almighty Parent, and inhabitants of the same planet, are to aid, support and protect each other. On this principle Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those, who otherwise might have remained at a perpetual distance. To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. To soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with them in their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds, constitute the great aim we have in view.

"Truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry. On this theme we contemplate, by its dictates endeavor to regulate our conduct; hence, while influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us, sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us, and the heart and the tongue join in promoting each other's welfare, and rejoicing in each other's prosperity. And all of this is based upon the Book of divine truth. You will also allow me to just mention the three special duties a Mason is charged to inculcate and practice. First, to God; second, to his neighbor; and third, to himself. To God, in never mentioning His name but with that reverential awe which is due from a creature to his creator; in imploring His aid in all his laudable under-



takings, and esteeming Him as his chief Good; to his neighbor, in acting upon the square, and doing unto his neighbor as he would have his neighbor do unto him; and to himself, in avoiding all irregularity and intemperance which might impair his faculties, or debase the dignity of his profession, and in the State, a Mason is a quiet and peaceable citizen, true to his government and just to his country."

The thrice blessed institution of the holy Sabbath is very precious and dear to the Masonic fraternity. So much so that in our Grand Jurisdiction, at least, no meetings of the lodges can be held on Sunday, except to bury the dead. "For in six days God made the heavens and the earth and rested on the seventh day." Yea, so much so that, if it were possible that the Church should ever be blotted out and swept from the earth—which woeful calamity Masons rejoice can never happen—still Masonry, the hand-maid of religion would remain and preserve, in the most sacred keeping, the Bible, the Sabbath, the marriage tie, the chastity of women, and all the demands of the moral law. The Holy Bible then is the power and glory of Freemasonry. It is the sub-stratum of the world-wide institution, and the pivotal point on which everything in it turns. The very highest estimate then, of this blessed Book, cannot justly be considered extravagant. It is not only the foundation on which we build, and the strong bond timbers holding our work together, but it is the grand, central luminary in the midst of the Great Grand Lodge of lodges that encircles the globe, which "extends from east to west, between north and south, in height from earth to heaven, and in depth from its surface to the centre," and which stupendous fabric is supported by three great pillars, denominated wisdom, strength and beauty—wisdom to contrive, strength to support, and beauty to adorn all great and important undertakings.

When the Queen of England was asked to make known the secret of unparalleled success and excellence of her majesty's mighty kingdom, she took up a beautifully bound

Bible and, holding it up before her auditors, said: "This is the secret of England's glory," and so may Masons say of the same book, for the Bible is the secret of all Masonic success and glory.

Accordingly every candidate for Masonic light must trust in God the author of the Bible or never enter. The old Bible—by whose truths our forefathers molded their lives, and on whose great and precious promises they pilloved their feverish hearts in death—that tells us of God's doings in creation, in providence, in history, and in redemption, is here shown to be still true and mighty.

Our confidence in it now as "the light of the world" is greater than ever, and all we need is to transform its precious precepts into the deeds of life, to know and to feel that it is a supernatural message from Almighty God to his lost child—man.

"Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou only hast the words of eternal life."

"This is the condemnation that light is come into the world, but men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil."

"Light is sown for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart." Sir Walter Scott, on his dying bed, said to Lockhart, his friend, "Bring me the Book." In reply, Lockhart asked, "What book?" But though Scott was a genius who knew most books, he answered, "Lockhart, there is only one Book—the Bible." Thomas Carlyle said, "The Bible is all men's book." John Ruskin said concerning it, "This Book has been the accepted guide of the moral intelligence of Europe for some fifteen hundred years," and so we say now, the Bible is the wisdom, strength and beauty of the Masonic Institution.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, it doesn't matter so much with us, just now, whether Masonry is as old as the world or not, or, as some say, dates its origin from the building of King Solomon's Temple, or was really invented in England only a few hundred years ago, or whether its

history is altogether what it should have been, one thing is certainly settled and forever fixed: The Order is here and here to stay. And as its excellent doctrines and sublime principles have been bequeathed to us as a goodly heritage by the sons of Light who occupied before our day, we are bound to so live and act as that we may transmit them to future generations pure and clean as we received them, and unborn millions of our race enjoy the inestimable advantage to be derived from a possession of them, when we are gone the way of all the earth.

It was a beautiful fable which was sung by Ovid, the Roman poet, in which he told how Orpheus, the Master of Song, strove to bring back to earth Eurydice, his wife, from the shades below.

Bereaved by the sudden accident of her death, Orpheus with his lute sought entrance into the realms of Pluto, and beguiling the guardians of the infernal regions by the charm of his music, made his way at last to the throne itself. The horrors of torture were stayed, and the imps of darkness paused in their work as Orpheus plead with Pluto for a sight of Eurydice's face, and for leave to take her back to earth again. The prayer was granted, so the fable runs, and Eurydice appeared. Pluto placed her hand in that of Orpheus and bade them go again to earth, but charged Orpheus that he must lead the way, and keep his face ever upward and before until both should fully stand on solid earth again. Upward the toilsome climb began. Nearer and nearer they came to the surface of mother earth, until at last the glorious sunlight burst upon them, and he, just stepping out upon the earth, and forgetting the all important injunctions of Pluto, turned to clasp in his arms the precious form beloved, before her feet had rested on earth's surface. But, alas! alas! as his face turned towards hers she vanished from his sight, and there he stood, his arms outstretched, clasping nothing but empty air.

So may it not be with us. Let us not forget, but forever remember all the sacred obligations we have assumed,

and all the solemn charges we have received, and always keep in mind the "rule and guide of our faith and practice," the Great Light in Masonry, as we mount higher and higher and be glorified and spiritualized to our everlasting enjoyment when we step out from these shades below in the refulgent light of everlasting day.

What a flood of thoughts this occasion excites. How the mind runs back nearly two score of years ago—just thirty-six years next Monday—when, on the 14th day of January, 1871, we met here to celebrate the "centennial of Masonry in North Carolina," which, however, was only the centennial of the Grand Lodge, for Freemasonry crossed the Atlantic Ocean with the first English settlers of the Colony, and had been here over an hundred years when this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was instituted. A lodge having been instituted in Wilmington just 36 years previous to the date when it is claimed the Grand Lodge was organized—1771—and just fifty-six years before it was reorganized in the town of Tarboro—December 9, 1887—lacking only one month and six days.

I well remember the oration on that occasion, as delivered by Rev. Dr. Numa F. Reid, who at that time was, perhaps, the most learned and popular minister in the North Carolina Conference, if not of any denomination in the State, and how he in his opening remarks deplored the fact, as he called it, that Masonry had next to no history, and undertook to account for the so-called fact in a very plausible manner, "for," said he, "this is not strange, for, as all the initiated know, Masons are not much given to writing."

But there is an abundance of history, or historical data, concerning our glorious old Order. It is true, however, that Masons do *make* infinitely more history than they ever *write*, or, as for that matter, ever *gets written* by others. But the trouble is, as I see it, you do not go to the proper sources to find the history of Masonry, and, again, you are likely to be misled by the fact that very much of the history of all other good things is really the history of Masonry;

and so *Masonry* rarely ever gets credit for what *Masons* do, unless it is something bad, and *then* the whole Order will be condemned for the Unmasonic act of one poor fellow individual offender! So I have now reached my last point under the general head of my theme—Freemasonry—and would hold out attention to the fact so apparent to all, and declare that we need more knowledge of the history of the Order—a better understanding and a greater appreciation of what Masons have done. No matter whether it is what they have done as citizens, soldiers, statesmen, or in any other capacity, I claim it all for the system, because, in every instance, what our brethren of the mystic tie have ever accomplished, in any capacity whatever, has been prompted by the spirit of Masonry.

For instance, what could have been more in keeping with the genius of Freemasonry than the signing of the Declaration of Independence, on the 4th of July, 1776? And forty-four out of the fifty-six noble and patriotic men who put their names to that instrument when, if defeated, it meant death in the most horrible manner the awful penalty could be inflicted, were Master Masons. And it is matter of reliable tradition that the other twelve applied for membership in the Order, and eight of them were initiated and the other four died while their applications were pending. And then who was put at the head of the army to maintain the Declaration of Independence at all hazards, and did secure the ever memorable and reluctant recognition of our independence from the tyrannical King of England? Any man, woman, or child anywhere around the globe can answer, and it is with the utmost pride that any Mason will answer: *George Washington*, one of the most zealous Masons that ever lived; who was for many years the Master of a lodge in Virginia. And who, I ask, was the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States when *GEORGE WASHINGTON* had been unanimously elected President of these same United States, to administer the oath of office to the first President? I answer, it was Robert R. Living-

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ston, another Master Mason, and an enthusiastic worker in the Order. From 1784 to 1800 he was Grand Master in the State of New York, inclusive. During all which sixteen years he was also Chancellor of the State, being the first to occupy that exalted judicial station under the Constitution of the State of New York, and it was he, the said Robert R. Livingston, Grand Master and Chancellor, who, on the 30th day of April, 1789, administered the oath at Federal Hall, in New York city, which inducted George Washington into the office of President of these United States; nor should we forget that it was Major Jacob Morton, who was then the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, that, as messenger, bore the Bible of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, to the place of inauguration, in order that the Most Worshipful Grand Master might lift that Bible to the lips of him who, with the salute he there impressed upon it, became the first in the line of Chief Magistrates of this land of the free.

Think of these men; and then also of the true Masonic spirit exhibited by the Grand Master of our sister Republic, when from the deeds of Spanish cruelty in Cuba the smoke of Spanish conflict was rising to touch our flag, whisperings of European encouragement to Spain were heard. But our neighbor on the southwest of us extended her hand of friendship to the United States, with a most delicately expressed, but nevertheless most emphatic, assurance that Spanish troops would not harass us from Mexican soil, nor Spanish men-of-war make of Mexican harbors a rendezvous. When the Maine was destroyed in Havana harbor, Mexico spoke; and a Grand Lodge of Masons was selected as the medium through which the people of the United States should hear her voice.

The President of our sister Republic is also the Grand Master of Masons in that country. On the 15th day of February, 1898, eighty-three Freemasons were among the two hundred and sixty-six American sailors who went down to their death with our splendid battleship Maine.



Just five days afterwards the President and the Grand Master of Masons in Mexico directed his Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to issue an edict commanding all Masonic lodges within his jurisdiction to be draped in mourning on account of these, our dead.

“There stands in the city of Chester, England, a venerable cathedral, in and out of which have passed generations of worshippers. The pulpit of that cathedral is adorned with Masonic emblems of richest carving. Before and around its altar have been brought little children for baptism. In the presence of that pulpit young men and maidens to be united in the holy bonds of matrimony; and the solemn requiem for the dead has sounded over heads bowed before that pulpit in the bereavement brought by the hand of death. From one of its octagonal faces that old pulpit shows to the worshipper and visitor the square and compasses and the well known sunburst. Upon another face of this sacred desk are carved representations of those twin patrons of Masonry, the holy Saints John, while upon a third are carved the Entered Apprentice, clothed as such, bringing forward a rough ashler for the use of the Fellow Craft; and by his side the Fellow Craft, clothed as such, engaged in transforming a rough into a perfect ashler; by their side and standing erect, the unmistakable figure of the Master Mason, clothed as such, pointing the Fellow Craft to the designs upon the trestle board, and giving him proper instructions for his labors, on the right and left of these three figures stand two Masonic columns just as we see them in every lodge room, except that upon one is carved the name Jacklin and upon the other the name Boaz. Standing in this grand old cathedral and looking upon the Holy Bible resting upon the pulpit thus adorned, one can but exclaim: ‘What mighty support does Freemasonry give to all religious teachers who open the Bible for the instruction of their people. The laws of our spiritual being are just as absolute and just as undeviating as the laws which govern the material world.’ ”



“We readily recall the circumstances that led to the discovery of the planet Neptune. Astronomers found that the revolutions of Uranus did not correspond with the calculations of the mathematicians. Computations were verified and reverified, and all known causes for deflection having been examined and discarded, the conclusion was reached that Uranus was not the sentinel on the outpost of the heavens, but that another planet must exist still farther removed from the center of the system of worlds, because no other cause than the influence upon Uranus of an undiscovered and unsuspected planet could so put these calculations at fault.

“Accordingly the French mathematician, Leverrier, compiled the statistics of those variations in the course of Uranus, and from the data thus obtained, guided by the law which compels one material body to influence the course of another, computed the distance and the direction from Uranus where this hitherto unknown planet must be found. And so true were the calculations and so undeviating the operation of this law that, when in September, 1846, the astronomer in Berlin was told where to look for the stranger, his eye received the confirming message from a world nearly three thousand millions of miles away, and Neptune swung its majestic course along the line of telescopic vision.

“He who has willed that each star shall help to define the course of every other, has also ordered that ‘none of us liveth to himself.’ It is a law of our spiritual being which causes the lives of those about us to be affected in some measure by the lives we live ourselves.”

“Nearly eight hundred years ago the Bishop of Winchester founded the St. Cross Hospital in England; and endowed it with the tithes of fifteen parishes, together with other valuable property, and in the year 1511 placed the institution in charge of Raymond, Grand Master of the Knights Hospitallers, one of the appendant orders of Masonry, and his successors in office forever. The charter

of this beneficent institution provided that it should support indigent and destitute old men, that it should daily feed at least one hundred other poor men, that it should provide spiritual consolation as well as medical attention to the sick and the dying. The storms of political strife have broken upon it, religious feuds have shadowed its doorways, and even the avarice of some of its administrators has temporarily lessened its usefulness; but, withstanding all attacks, the St. Cross Hospital still stands. The noble heart of its founder, though physically stilled by the hand of death, nevertheless sends to this day rich, life-giving streams of beneficence into the wasting forms of the decrepit and the destitute. And through all time to come the St. Cross Hospital, one of the earliest of permanent hospitals, will stand as a monument to its founder and a glorious testimonial to the noble Order into whose keeping Henry of Blois committed the sacred trust."

The system of knowledge and benefaction called Freemasonry is a phenomenon, existing *suigeneris*, and all its peculiar qualities are most intricate phenomena. It is a miracle, and a miracle of the first magnitude. Other wonders, prodigies, phenomena and miracles have appeared, taken place, been discovered or performed repeatedly, but this stupendous institution arose, like our Lord, but once, and, like Him, to die no more.

This lofty claim is supported by a very succinct analysis of the following facts, to-wit:

First. It is a secret order and a system of mysteries. But its secrets and mysteries are exceedingly different from all other secret organizations.

Second. Its purposes and designs are different from the purposes and designs of all others, though embracing all that is good in them.

Third. Its universal existence and plan of eleemosnary work are peculiar and for these reasons it has been hated and loved, dreaded and cherished, more than any other institution, not excepting even the Church of God.

Masonry and geometry being synonymous, its principle must have existed before the foundation of the world, although only fully revealed in these last times in tangible form or visible appearance. For the universe was certainly made, no matter when, strictly according to the rules and designs of geometry.

Now, a miracle is not only superhuman, but it is also preternatural, and the Masonic system fills this definition perfectly.

The Entered Apprentice is told in the lecture that "a lodge is an oblong—extending from East to West," which, as geography is now understood, means entirely around the globe—"from earth to heaven," etc., which cannot be true, literally, *of the lodge*, but it is true of the Order, for it exists everywhere around the globe and is therefore, always visible to the whole heavens; and the heaven of heavens is the goal of every true Mason's aspirations. (In Japan secret societies are forbidden. But the Mikado allows Masonry, because he says any order that's good enough for the President of the United States and the King of England, must be allowed.)

Again, he is told that this mighty Fabric is supported by three great pillars, denominated Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. But these "pillars" are not to be contemplated as standing still and supporting a great and fixed structure, only as the son of Buzi saw the bodies of the cherubim standing still in the midst of the awful whirl of their wings as they flew along the sky in the midst of the dreadful revolutions of the wheels that were full of eyes and rolled in the midst of flaming fire! For movement is the supreme manifestation of any existence, animate or inanimate. God Himself moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform; and so does His whole creation. The movement of a world in its orbit, or around its own axis, constitutes its excellence and glory; and so it is with the least machine.

That fine gold watch you carry is valuable *as such* only because of its beautiful and exact movement, and so it is

with Freemasonry, its geometrical movement, from a point to a line, from a line to a superficies, and from a superficies to a solid; and thus onward and upward, constitutes its chief glory. These three great pillars then are intended to represent three great and important principles: Wisdom to contrive, Strength to support, and Beauty to adorn all great and important undertakings. For wisdom is knowledge in exercise, and that for the accomplishment of the best purposes. Strength is power and force in active exercise. "Hast thou given the horse strength? Hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?"—Job. And before I proceed further, a few words should be said respecting a much mooted characteristic of Freemasonry—the secret of our work and the mystery which surrounds it. We often hear it said that the value of the Order would be better understood and its mission in the world more readily accepted did we but give to all the world full knowledge of our doings.

"But it is told of the building of King Solomon's Temple that throughout all the seven years spent in its construction there was heard neither the sound of axe, hammer or other tool of iron. So it is with the work of modern Freemasons, without the sound of trumpet call, or the beating of drums, or the ringing of bells, Masons, the world over, gather in silence and in secrecy to perform the ceremonies and practice the rites of this beneficent Order. Because of this feature the good influences of the institution are often underestimated and treated with contempt. Silent forces, however, are the greatest factors in the development, the expansion and the improvement of the world. In the realm of matter those forces which cannot be measured nor handled, nor weighed, nor circumscribed, are the mightiest of all." Who can measure the force we call gravity? Who understands the law of the attraction of gravitation?

Its tremendous force and even its existence were unknown two hundred years ago. Yea, its name had never been called. No man has ever seen or handled it. Its

boundaries are limitless space, and its power is co-existent with the universe. Its influence has been felt ever since the first day of creation. Its power has been exercised throughout the entire universe from the beginning, and mankind, though not dreaming even of its existence, has been unconscious witness of its silent and universal power. One day Sir Isaac Newton noticed an apple fall from a tree to the ground, and his lofty genius enabled him to see in that incident the law which all men now recognize as "one of the most potent of the silent forces of nature."

The human voice has its limitations, and yet there is an instrument which will carry that voice far beyond its natural boundaries, and sitting here in Raleigh one can talk to the President in Washington City, if he will "come to the 'phone." Who can tell the secret of power that makes this possible? The results we know, but the silent force which speeds the message we cannot see nor handle, nor measure, nor do we even understand.

Who knows aught of electricity? And who can tell us what it is? Its manifestations we do sometimes see. We have given it a name, but the wisest of men cannot tell what it is.

The waters of the ocean are navigable, and are made to carry the commerce of the world because of a silent and still mysterious force, whose power has been recognized from very early days, but which no man can analyze or explain.

We all know that there is a Polar Star that always attracts the magnetic needle, so as it will ever point with unerring finger in the exact line of its direction. The force which brings it about surrounds us all. We live and move in the atmosphere through which it is transmitted. Its mysterious and awe-inspiring operation has been the wonder and delight of ages, of civilization, yet no man has heard it, no man has seen it, nor sounded its depths, nor measured its circumference."

But there are mightier forces than those of the material

universe, and again among these the silent are also the most powerful."

"Who can describe a thought? No one can see it, nor handle it, nor measure it. Even the seat of thought we do not surely know.

But even though it be developed in the brain no one has been able to demonstrate the fact, so as to discover a thought. Nevertheless the thoughts that have sprung out of the brains of men, if brain be their seat, have transformed this world from a wilderness into a garden. It is said that thoughts live and burn and wing their way throughout countless ages of time. We know that the thought of the Roman lawgiver moulds the action of humanity to this day. We know that when thought guided the quill of John Milton and produced the epic—Paradise Lost—or that of Shakespeare and produced his plays, this indescribable, immeasurable, intangible force started messages which will be heard as long as earth endures. It was Longfellow who asked: "Who can follow the flight of a song?" But the answer will be given only when the heavens are rolled away as a scroll, and in some other world with keener vision and a greater appreciation we come to understand the mysteries of our own being.

Who can describe that which we call memory? What mental telescope has ever discovered its range? What intellectual microscope has ever penetrated to its secret root? Who has ever analyzed its composition or discovered to us the source of its power? Yet every mother knows that the lessons planted in the mind of the infant child will last during life and beyond.

Nothing is mightier than the power of love. Whether it be the love of man for his fellowman, or the love of mankind for his Maker, or God's love for his creatures, it is all-pervading, all-inspiring, and all-powerful. Poets have sung it essayists have written upon it, brave men have given their lives as a sacrifice to it, and the world acknowledges it as the most gigantic force which impels human action; and



yet we cannot analyze it, we cannot explain it, we cannot command its presence, nor dismiss it when we find it with us. By its magic our very natures are transformed. Every human being has felt its sway, and yet it is impossible for us to define it, and we best describe it by merely speaking its name."

Whatsoever, therefore, moves upon the hearts of men, though it be in silence and secrecy, though it be shrouded somewhat in mystery, and be not understood by the multitude, is, nevertheless, to be valued according to the work which it does, and to be held in estimation according to the results which it produces." But some man will say the Lord said: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven," insisting that Masons violate this command by working in secret. But we do not, for we fully illuminate every one who proves himself to be *a man*, in the lodge; and then endeavor to "let our light shine" on all people by our works.

The Lord also said: "By their fruits you shall know them." And by this rule Masons would gladly be judged, and we joyfully point to our homes, asylums and other eleemosynary institutions, and would like to have due credit for them as our fruits.

Think of Oxford, with two hundred and eighty-five orphan children, well cared for; and Thomasville, with three hundred and fifteen—even six hundred at the two places—that would be homeless but for these two institutions, both of which were founded by the same good Mason, John H. Mills, of precious memory. These benefactions are, however, only incidents of Freemasonry, they are but outgrowths from the parent stock; but two of the limbs or twigs of the great tree, whose spreading branches stretch out over all the world and cover multitudes of people.

"But it is with the inner life of man that Masonry is most concerned. 'The internal and not the external qualifications are what mainly recommend a man' to the good



opinion of Masons; and it is upon the moral and spiritual element of humanity that Masonic work is mainly wrought. Indelible is the stamp that is here set upon the heart. Not easily are the lessons here taught thrown aside, nor the obligations here assumed forgotten. The work here wrought is not only for time, but also for eternity. More and more is the world coming to understand that a heaven may be created on earth, or rather that the earth may be lifted upward and into heaven itself. Not merely physical strength, but nobility of soul, is now demanded as the highest type of manhood, and every impulse which leads to deeds of beneficence is a human pulsation responsive to the heart of the Divine Being."

Dr. Edwards of New York tells the following incident in his own experience, illustrating the strength of the grip of Masonic teachings. "He said that having at the time the incident occurred but recently taken charge of a flourishing institution of learning, and having but little acquaintance with the inhabitants of the place, he was aroused out of sleep one night and hastily summoned to the bedside of a dying man. On entering the house he found that the grim messenger had come into the family circle, without warning, and seized upon a strong man in his sleep, and the family, aroused in the dead of night, had called for the nearest clergyman in the greatest haste. As in duty bound, he prayed with the family, and comforted the wife and soon-to-be-widow and the about-to-be-fatherless daughters, as best he could. But as he was about to leave the home and return to his own home, one of the family stated that their grief was intensified and their affliction made doubly sore by the fact that the stroke had come so suddenly as to give no opportunity for the last sad words of farewell, and, weeping, they prayed that the prostrate man might even still be permitted to once more recognize his wife and daughters before his body should become inanimate. Dr. Edwards recalled having seen the face of that husband and father within a Masonic lodge but a few

nights before, and he asked the grief-stricken relatives whether he might not endeavor to arouse the sinking man and awaken his faculties by Masonic means.

“Their consent being quickly and gladly given, he knelt by the bedside, and placing both hands to his mouth, whispered in the ear of the dying man those words of distress known only to Master Masons. Instantly there was a quiver of the eyelashes of the dying man, a shiver ran through his stalwart frame, his eyelids parted, and he looked again into the face of his wife and daughters, smiled to them the farewell that he could not speak, and his immortal spirit passed out of the earthly clay and entered the realm of all eternity.”

Brethren of the Grand Lodge, we cannot over estimate the importance of the work in which we, as true Masons, are here engaged for the good of mankind and the glory of God.

“The world has advanced by leaps and bounds during the past eight hundred years, until even this new land of ours is dotted all over with institutions sprung from noble, generous hearts, created for the comfort, the happiness and the improvement of mankind. All good men and women rejoice when another instrumentality is added to the list of those which are helping to carry the world onward and upward. The long line which measures the distance between the humanity of today and the savagery of the past, measures also the advance the world has made towards that millennial state when all men shall be indeed as brothers, members of one household, and embraced within a great fraternity—the Brotherhood of Man. Whoever lends a hand to the hastening of that day is a servant of the Most High. Whatsoever tends to smooth the way for the coming of that day is a gift from heaven. How beautiful, then, the influence of the Masonic fraternity during all the past. Like the swing of the great Gulf Stream, as it winds its way through the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, past the coast of North America, and then eastward until it embraces

the British Isles, so have the influences of Freemasonry moved throughout the world. The storm and tempest descend upon the waters of the ocean, and the cyclone and the tornado seek to wrest the Gulf Stream from its course, and interrupt its steadfast, constant flow. Heedless of these, however it rolls its ceaseless journey on, bringing warmth from the South, making possible vegetation in the North, and transforming the British Isles from ice-bound, cheerless waste, into the very garden of the world. So have storms and tempests beaten upon the Masonic fraternity in all the world, and during all the past. Thunderbolts have been hurled at her shrine, and lightning darts have been cast by malevolent and misguided foes, but the stream of Masonic influence could not be engulfed, and its calm and unruffled bosom gives today no sign of the tempests of yesterday. It brings warmth and light and life into every community around the globe. It lives because it speaks truth and is the truth."

A life fashioned after Masonic teachings, inspired by faith founded on the Great Light in Masonry, leads one approaching the close of his earthly existence to cherish the liveliest anticipations of the great future which is before him. The change that awaits him has been beautifully described by an anonymous writer, thus:

"A pilgrim once, so runs an ancient tale,  
Old, worn and spent, crept down a shadowed vale.  
On either hand rose mountains bleak and high;  
Chill was the heavy air, and dark the sky;  
The path was rugged and his feet were bare;  
His faded cheek was seamed with pain and care;  
His heavy eyes upon the ground were cast,  
And every step seemed feebler than the last.  
The valley ended where a naked rock  
Rose sheer from earth to heaven, as if to mock  
The pilgrim who had crept that toilsome way.  
But while his dimmed and weary eyes assay  
To find an outlet in the mountain side,  
A ponderous, sculptured, brazen door he spied,

And tottering towards it, with fast failing breath,  
Above the portal read: 'THE GATE OF DEATH.'

"He could not stay his feet that led thereto.  
It yielded to his touch; and passing through,  
He came into a world all bright and fair;  
Blue were the skies, and balmy was the air.  
And lo! the blood of youth flowed through his veins,  
And he was clad in robes that had no stains  
Of his long pilgrimage. Amazed, he turned,  
And lo! a golden door behind him burned  
In that fair sunlight, and his wandering eyes,  
Now lustrous and clear as those blue skies,  
Freed from the mists of age and care and strife,  
Over the portal read: 'THE GATE OF LIFE.' "

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Bro. Jas. A. Briggs, Chairman of the Special Committee on Charity, presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren:*

RALEIGH, N. C., January 7, 1907.

Your Committee on Charity beg leave to report that during the past year we have had fifteen applications before us. We have made a careful investigation, and have approved seven and refused eight applications.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. BRIGGS,

*Chairman.*

Bro. W. S. Primrose, the Auditor of the Grand Lodge, presented his reports concerning the examinations made by him of the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and the Treasurer of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, which were read as follows:

*To Most Worshipful Grand Master, Francis D. Winston:*

RALEIGH, N. C., January 8, 1907.

I have examined the books of Brother John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, and find the same carefully kept, showing as follows:

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Received from dues of lodges.....	\$ 11,510 15
Received from charters.....	234 00
Received from dispensations.....	108 00
Received from sales of Codes, Proceedings, etc.....	39 75
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	\$ 11,891 90

The Grand Secretary has paid to the Grand Treasurer, Bro.

L. D. Heartt, the amount collected by him, viz..... 11, 891 90  
as shown by the receipts of the Grand Treasurer and by bank account.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. PRIMROSE,

*Auditor.*

*To Most Worshipful Grand Master, Francis D. Winston :*

RALEIGH, N. C., January 8, 1907.

This is to certify that I have made examination of the books, accounts and vouchers of Brother G. Rosenthal, Treasurer of the North Carolina Oxford Orphan Asylum, and find the same kept carefully, all accounts paid out being supported by the proper vouchers and showing a balance on hand at the end of his fiscal year, as shown in detail by his report, of the sum of \$8,498.79.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. PRIMROSE,

*Auditor.*

*To Most Worshipful Grand Master, Francis D. Winston :*

RALEIGH, N. C., January 8, 1907.

This is to certify that I have examined the books and accounts of Brother L. D. Heartt, Grand Treasurer, and beg to report as follows:

At last report, January 1906, there was balance..... \$ 4,404 66

SINCE RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS:

From Jno. O. Ellington, interest .....	\$ 60 00	
From Bro. John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.....	11,881 90	11,941 90
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		\$ 16,346 56
He has disbursed as follows.....		11,699 49
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Leaving on hand a balance of.....		\$ 4,647 07
as shown by his books and bank account.		

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. PRIMROSE,

*Auditor.*

Bro. Marshall DeLancey Haywood presented the following report, which was read and referred to a Special Committee, which the Grand Master announced as follows: John Nichols, H. I. Clark and M. C. S. Noble.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

At its last Annual Communication, held in January, 1906, this Grand Lodge created the office of Historian, and the Grand Master honored me with the appointment to that post. The resolution creating this office provided "that the records of Freemasonry in North Carolina shall be carefully preserved and made accessible to all, and the history of the Order in this Jurisdiction shall be written." For many years past having made the history of our State a special study, and having been a close student of Masonic history in North Carolina since my admission into the Order, I had materials at hand to form the basis of such a work as the above resolution seemed to contemplate. As the history of Masonry in North Carolina had never been the subject of a separate publication, I endeavored to place on record the story of the workings of the Order from the earliest dawn of its Colonial existence down to a period after the War of the Revolution, when the Grand Lodge of North Carolina no longer acknowledged the jurisdiction of England and organized itself into a separate body. The history I published was entitled *The Beginnings of Freemasonry in North Carolina and Tennessee*. This is a paper-bound work of eighty-six pages, and covers the history of our Order in North Carolina from its introduction into the Colony, about 1735, down to and including the reorganization of the Grand Lodge after the Revolution in 1787, with the history of fourteen Subordinate Lodges of the Colonial and Revolutionary periods. There is also a list of nine lodges in Tennessee during the existence of the joint jurisdiction known as the "Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee," and the names of the first elective officers of these lodges are given, with dates of charters; also an account of the organizing of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee as a separate body in 1813, with a copy of charter from North Carolina authorizing its establishment. Copies are given of two ancient commissions—one in 1767 from the Grand Lodge at Boston, constituting Thomas Cooper, of Pitt County, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of North Carolina; and another, in 1771, from Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort, Grand Master of England, constituting Joseph Montfort, of Halifax, North Carolina, Provincial Grand Master "of and for America." The work also contains separate biographical sketches (with fac-similes



of their signatures) of the following Grand Lodge officers, who were in office before the Revolution: John Hammerton, of South Carolina, appointed Provincial Grand Master of both Carolinas in 1736; Thomas Cooper, of Pitt County, North Carolina, appointed Provincial Grand Master of North Carolina in 1767; Joseph Montfort, of Halifax, North Carolina, appointed Provincial Grand Master of the entire American continent in 1771; James Milner, appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master under Montfort in 1771; Cornelius Harnett, appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master under Montfort in 1773; and William Brimage, appointed Grand Secretary under Montfort. The frontispiece of this publication is a portrait of Governor Samuel Johnston, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina when it was reorganized in 1787. At the end is a list of all the elective officers of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina from its reorganization in 1787 down to the present time. The history proper, however, only treats of the Colonial and Revolutionary lodges in North Carolina, and the lodges in Tennessee down to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee into a separate body in 1813.

As no provision was made for publishing the above work, it was issued at my personal expense; but, if the Grand Lodge should deem it worth possessing, I shall be glad to turn over the edition upon receipt of the cost of its publication—making no charge for my work in preparing it. This would be about \$75 for the edition, which contains more than a sufficient number of copies to place one in each Subordinate Lodge in the State.

Fraternally submitted,

MARSHALL DELANCEY HAYWOOD,

*Historian.*

JANUARY 8, 1907.

Bro. A. J. Harris, from the Masonic Temple Committee, presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Your Committee to build the Masonic Temple respectfully report:

Faith and work has brought us to a point where we can easily see that "Hope ends in Fruition," and April 1, 1907 will see work actively begun on the Temple.

We do not yet see a sufficient quantity of funds for a completed structure; but we are so near that we feel that it is safe and expedient to begin work, feeling sure that any deficiency can easily be arranged by the 16,800 Masons now in our Grand Jurisdiction.



We do not deem it necessary to review the efforts made to raise funds, and we submit the following financial statement:

## RECEIPTS.

Amount on hand January 1, 1906 .....	\$2,260 27
Donations .....	2,687 49
State subscriptions.....	2,094 02
Raleigh subscriptions.....	1,500 00
Rents .....	1,586 97
Masonic Dramatic Association.....	36 87
Grand Lodge subscriptions.....	3,000 00
Miscellaneous sources.....	14 00
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	\$ 13,179 62

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid O. A. Robbins, services as architect, and other miscellaneous items.....	2,633 90
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	\$ 10,545 72
Amount on deposit in bank.....	10,545 72

## SUMMARY OF TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND TOTAL PAYMENTS MADE ON SAME TO JANUARY 1, 1907.

	Amount Subscribed	Amount Paid
Grand Lodge subscription .....	\$25,000 00	\$13,000 00
Raleigh subscription.....	18,535 00	13,965 00
State subscription.....	16,975 00	9,424 35
Donations (cards).....	23,500 00	5,943 24
Rents .....	00,000 00	3,689 91
Masonic Fair.....	3,027 17	3,027 17
Interest, etc.....	00,000 00	1,115 52
Grand Commandery of N. C.....	1,000 00	400 00
Grand Chapter of N. C.....	1,000 00	400 00
First mortgage bonds to be sold .....	50,000 00	00,000 00
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	\$ 139,037 17	\$ 50,965 19
Paid for real estate, site for Temple.....		\$ 36,000 00
Paid for plans, architect.....		2,200 00
Paid interest on bonds, insurance on property and miscellaneous items.....		2,219 47
Cash in bank.....		10,545 72
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		\$ 50,965 19

We recommend that the work of soliciting additional donations be kept up through the cooperation of the District Deputy Grand Masters

working on the card system, which we think is the best plan yet devised for securing donations to the Temple fund.

In this statement, we have figured the \$50,000.00 of first mortgage bonds as an asset to make up the full amount absolutely necessary to build the Temple, and we must, therefore, impress upon the Grand Lodge the necessity of taking care of this sum, (viz: \$50,000.00) by the card system, or else the Temple will be burdened with a heavy debt for a great number of years. For several years the Masons generally over the State have urged that the work of commencing work be begun, and that the Craft will support the work, and make it a success, and we know that an appeal from the Grand Lodge will not fall on deaf ears, but that each Mason will cheerfully respond to the call.

We further recommend that each lodge in our Grand Jurisdiction arrange to have representatives attend the laying of the corner stone of the Masonic Temple, as this will be an event of unusual interest to Masons of North Carolina, and will be witnessed by a large concourse of people.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS D. WINSTON,  
W. S. LIDDELL,  
R. J. NOBLE,  
S. H. SMITH,  
JOHN W. COTTEN,  
JULIAN S. CARR,  
J. D. ELLIOTT,  
A. J. HARRIS,  
B. S. ROYSTER,  
JOHN S. CUNNINGHAM,  
A. B. ANDREWS, JR.  
JOHN C. DREWRY.

Bro. A. B. Andrews, Jr., from the Committee to Codify the Decisions of the several Grand Masters, presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

RALEIGH, N. C., January 8, 1907.

As your Committee appointed to codify the decisions of the several Grand Masters, and the standing resolutions and edicts of the Grand Lodge, I beg to report that the work has been done, and herewith I present a copy of the same, which is a work of 212 pages, including the preface and index.

The work was found to be of vastly more labor than was anticipated,

and consequently occupied considerably more time than was expected, hence it's delay.

There has been nothing paid out by me for the Grand Lodge on account of this work, consequently the only expense which the Grand Lodge incurs on account of this book is the matter of the printing of the two thousand copies by the Oxford Orphan Asylum printing office.

It is expected that this work will last the Grand Lodge for the next ten years, at which time it is expected that a new edition will be printed, in which should be included the decisions, etc., from 1787 to 1840, which I did not have access to in preparing the present work.

It is the earnest hope of your Committee that the present work may be found of use to the Craft in the State.

Fraternally yours,

A. B. ANDREWS, JR.

*Committee.*

Bro. W. S. Liddell introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Grand Secretary John C. Drewry has been serving the Masonic Temple Committee for the past four years without any compensation, and whereas the work of collecting funds for the Temple and other duties connected with the building of the Temple are becoming heavy and more than he can attend to without assistance,

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that he be given an assistant to aid him in the work, and that said assistant be allowed a salary of fifty dollars per month.

Bro. Sam'l H. Smith introduced the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be conveyed to Col. W. J. Hicks, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, for the donation of his salary for the last several years to this Grand Lodge, and praying that his health may be restored and he spared to many, many years of usefulness.

Standing Committees were announced as follows:

*Foreign Correspondence:*

John A. Collins, A. B. Walker, W. L. London, L. J. Sims, J. W. Barnes, F. K. May.

*Finance:*

A. B. Andrews, Jr., S. Gallert, J. L. Currin, C. W. Morgan, J. P. McNeil, J. Bailey Owens.

*Unfinished Business:*

T. T. McGilvary, B. S. Skinner, J. W. Horton, J. L. Peed, S. G. Wilson, W. A. Alfred.

*Propositions and Grievances:*

No. 1—W. H. McLaurin, Dr. R. W. Joyner, J. L. Gwaltney, J. B. Clarke, M. J. Ownby.

No. 2—J. T. Alderman, Geo. S. Boylan, John T. Wike and S. J. Calvert.

*Credentials:*

W. W. Willson, J. F. Jordan, Claud Stephenson, H. R. Dowell, A. S. Holden.

*Appeals:*

L. M. Chaffin, R. C. DeRossett, Z. V. Peed, W. T. Grigg.

*Fraternal Dead:*

F. M. Moye, J. J. Carden, H. E. Sullivan, F. P. Hobgood, R. H. Masingill, J. A. Connor, D. C. Larentz, J. W. C. McCall.

*Returns of Subordinate Lodges:*

No. 1—Dr. J. E. Wilson, Dr. J. A. Wise, J. G. Burrus, C. S. Powell, Lewis Grimmer, E. P. Davis, W. R. Johnson.

No. 2—C. B. Flournoy, J. B. Fennell, M. E. Shell, W. S. Frizzle, E. W. Morris, E. R. Wilson, Dr. V. A. Whitley.

No. 3—M. H. Norman, J. N. Smith, D. J. Watson, J. W. Johnson, J. N. Hudgins, W. H. Hester.

*Charters and Dispensations:*

No. 1—B. W. Hatcher, J. W. Rowell, W. C. Crowell.

No. 2—F. M. Moye, Chas. F. Bahnson, R. F. Edwards.

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*Jurisprudence:*

F. H. Busbee, U. L. Spence, T. B. Womack, W. E. Moore, B. S. Royster, W. T. Grimes, C. L. Pridgen.

*Orphan Asylum:*

Samuel H. Smith, Dr. R. J. Noble, Dr. J. F. Abel, Lat Williams, Geo. S. Norfleet, Jos. Kinsey, C. E. McGwigan, Dr. F. M. Moye, Thos. B. Bailey, M. C. S. Noble, E. Wallace, J. F. Reinhardt, L. J. Sears, Dr. C. P. Ambler.

*Special Committee on Charity:*

J. A. Briggs, W. B. Johnson, C. E. Gupton, J. H. Alexander, J. N. Foscue, W. E. Ethieridge, Kadar Powell.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.



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## SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

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WEDNESDAY, January 9, 1907.

THE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:30 o'clock A. M., Most Worshipful Grand Master Francis D. Winston presiding.

The proceedings of the last evening's session were read and approved.

Bro. John A. Collins, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his Annual Report, which, on motion, was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. John A. Collins, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report which was read and on motion was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence:

*Special report of the Committee on Correspondence in reference to the request for recognition by the Grand Lodges of Alberta, Valle de Mexico, and the Swiss Grand Lodge, Alpina.*

On the formation by the Dominion Parliament, in September, 1905, of two self-governing provinces—Alberta and Saskatchewan—out of the great Northwest territory of British North America, it was found that in the Province of Alberta there were eighteen Masonic lodges, which had previously been under the jurisdiction of Manitoba.

The Craft of Manitoba had anticipated the action taken by the government, and were ready to move at once toward the erection of a Grand Lodge.

So, in October, 1905, seventeen of these lodges sent delegates to a Masonic convention at Calgary, the provincial capital, and on the 12th of October, 1905, with the aid and encouragement of the mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba and its officers, formed the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in accordance with the requirements of Masonic law and usage. The elected officers of the young Grand Lodge were installed by the Grand Master of Manitoba. In view of the entire regularity of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, your Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution :

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*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of North Carolina cordially recognizes the Grand Lodge of Alberta as a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge of Masons, and extends fraternal good wishes for a useful and prosperous career; and further that an interchange of representatives with the Grand Lodge of Alberta be authorized at once.

Although your Committee has given much time and careful consideration to the volume of proceedings of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and while it believes that the Fraternity in the neighboring Republic, especially the American Masons residing there, are earnestly trying to bring about better conditions, your Committee is constrained to recommend a refusal of recognition at this time.

This recommendation of non-recognition receives added strength from evidence furnished by the Grand Secretary, Brother Drewry, only last week, that these so-called Masonic bodies are persistently and flagrantly invading the jurisdiction of the neighboring Grand Lodge of Texas, and to such an extent that the Grand Master, W. M. Fly, felt it necessary to warn the Craft of the jurisdiction against these outlaws.

The Swiss Grand Lodge, Alpina, through a letter from its Grand Master, Dr. Haberlin, dated Oct. 20, 1906, asks for recognition, but renounces the desire for an exchange of representatives at present. Besides this letter, your Committee has received the annual report of this Grand Lodge, a volume of about 178 pages, about 40 pages of which is in English, the balance in German. The English print we have read, very carefully, and the impression made on our minds is adverse to recognition.

As showing the extreme liberality of the Grand Lodge, Alpina, we make a few extracts, which indicate its complexion:

"Within the limit of the Constitution of the Alpina, *the lodges have the right to introduce their own Statutes, By-laws and Rites*, and to manage their own affairs independently. They alone are competent to receive new members, and are absolutely free both in their own elections and in the promotion of their apprentices to journeymen, and of journeymen to Master Masons." \* \* \* \* \*

"It is very difficult to describe with any amount of accuracy the activity and influence of Swiss Freemasonry, as a whole, because they have no reliable statistics of the work of the lodges themselves."

While advocating philanthropy in its broad sense, and in beautiful periods, it has this to say of the obligation of the individual Mason to relieve a distressed worthy brother:

"On the other hand, Freemasons are not under any obligation to render one another any mutual aid and assistance in private life, as is commonly believed."

In the publication of the "Principles of Union of the Swiss Lodges Alpina," room is made for the atheist, the anarchist, the regular, the irregular, the clandestine, in this pronouncement:



"The Masonic Alliance recognizes the principle of liberty of conscience and of thought. It repudiates every obstacle to this liberty and every act of persecution exercised against men of another opinion, or of another confession. It respects every sincere belief and every honest conviction in religion, as well as in politics."

And this is the Masonic Grand Lodge which has assumed the labor of bringing every Grand Orient, every Supreme Council and every Grand Lodge of Masons into fraternal relations with each other, and the Grand Lodge which, with characteristic complacency, asks the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to abandon the time honored doctrines of the Craft and adopt instead the transcendentalism of France and Italy and Germany.

Your Committee respectfully recommends that the request of the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina be denied.

Faternally submitted,

JOHN A. COLLINS,

*for the Committee.*

Bro. Chas. A. Robinson from the Committee on Grand Master's address, presented the following report, which was read and adopted; and the Grand Master announced the following Special Committee: W. S. Liddell, R. J. Noble, John Nichols, F. H. Busbee and R. W. Joyner.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons in North Carolina:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee, to whom has been referred the address of the Grand Master, respectfully submit the following report:

We congratulate the Grand Lodge on its being the recipient of this address, and the Grand Master on the beauty and felicity of his tribute to friendship. Especially as applied to Masons and Masonic intercourse, and we reiterate his sentiment: "Be all honor, then, to true friendship, and may it in our Order grow stronger and gather yet many fragrant blossoms from the dew bathed meadows of our fraternal intercourse, to spread the aroma along the toil worn road of life." This is redolent with the fragrance of spring.

We commend his dealing in this spirit of friendship with such questions as have come before him for decision, and his true conception of Masonry.

We recommend that the part of the address referring to the Orphan Asylum be referred to the Asylum Committee.

The part referring to decisions we understand has already been referred by the Grand Master to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, which we approve.

We approve his recommendation that the District Deputy Grand Masters be required to meet and arrange dates of picnics, so that the Grand Master may visit them as he suggests.

We approve his recommendation that the Grand Lodges of sister jurisdictions be invited to meet with the Grand Lodge at the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the Temple.

We approve the recommendation that the District Deputy Grand Masters shall be charged with the work of extending the Eastern Star Order.

We consider the suggestion of the Grand Master in regard to a frequent change of officers in the Subordinate Lodges, as calling for very careful consideration by the Grand Lodge, and recommend the appointment of a committee of five to consider it, and report their conclusions to the Grand Lodge.

We recommend that the matter of material belonging to other jurisdictions be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Your Committee has found the address so rich in thought and suggestions that it has been impossible to do more than touch upon it and handle it as one would a casket of gems.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. ROBINSON,

*Chairman,*

JNO. W. COTTEN,

B. S. ROYSTER,

*Committee.*

Bro. F. M. Moye, from the Committee on Necrology, presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Your Committee on Necrology beg leave to report:

With feelings of profound sorrow we heard the touching words of the Grand Master as tenderly he spoke of the Fraternal Dead of the Masonic year 1906.

It was the same sad story which has been so often told; the story of the silent messenger from whose stern decree there is no appeal, of

"the silver cord loosed, or the golden bowl broken, of the spirit of man released from its tenement of clay returning to God who gave it."

While we mourn the loss of the lamented dead of our own and sister jurisdictions who were called the past year from labor to rest, we are not unmindful of the fact that this beautiful world in which we live is not one of sunshine only, but oftentimes clouds black and almost impenetrable encompass our pathway. Unalloyed happiness has not fallen to the lot of man, and to the human race it is therefore unknown.

On the dial-plate of life figures bright and dark appear in rapid succession, and we know not what an hour will bring forth. In memory's picture gallery, we behold today the faces of those who were with us one year ago, but have now gone hence to join the mighty host of beloved brethren who preceded them to that mysterious land beyond the stars.

Looking down the dim vista of the past we see in the mind's eye as they move in shadowy outline before us, the glorified forms of illustrious Masons, who long years ago transferred their membership from the lodge below to the Celestial Lodge above. These are of the number who figured in the "times that tried men's souls," whose undaunted courage, and heroic sacrifices in the cause of truth and justice have made luminous the pages of North Carolina's early history, and shed enduring luster on the name of Masonry.

To our sister Grand Jurisdictions in their great bereavement, we offer our sincere and heartfelt condolence. At the head of the newly made graves of our own honored dead of 1906, we come now to plant a little flower of love as a simple expression of the tender and unchanging affection we cherish for them in our hearts. They need no eulogy; no fulsome tribute at our hands. Their lives and conduct speak for themselves. Actuated while living by the sublime principles of our noble Order they were thereby inspired to higher and grander thoughts, and ere their departure from earth had found, we trust, the "pearl of great price" by which alone we can hope to receive at last the approving smile and hear the welcome plaudit of "Him who has made mankind one mighty brotherhood; Himself their Master, and the world His Lodge."

We recommend that pages be set apart in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and that the same be suitably inscribed in memory of our departed brethren.

Fraternally submitted,

F. M. MOYE,

*for the Committee.*

Bro. John Nichols, from the Special Committee on Report of the Grand Historian, presented the following report which was read and after being amended was adopted:

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*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

The Committee to whom was referred the report of Bro. Marshall DeLancey Haywood, Historian, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the work prepared by the author, and are much pleased with its contents and the plan on which it is arranged. Much time and labor was required to prepare the work which is of much value in the preservation of the history of Masonry in North Carolina.

It is recommended that the Grand Lodge accept all of the copies of the work not disposed of, and that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be voted to Brother Haywood to reimburse him for his expenditures in the publication of the history.

We further recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to send one copy of the publication to each lodge in the State; one copy to each present Grand Officer, (including District Deputy Grand Masters) and one copy to each Past Grand Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS,

H. I. CLARK,

M. C. S. NOBLE,

*Committee.*

Bro. C. P. Ambler introduced the following amendment to the By-laws, which under the rules was required to lay over until tomorrow, and was made Special Order for 10 o'clock.

*A Resolution to change the time of meeting of the Grand Lodge from the second Tuesday to the fourth Tuesday in January.*

*Resolved*, That Article IV, Sec. 1, of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge, be amended as follows:

By striking out the word "second" in line four of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fourth."

*Reasons for change in date of meeting of Grand Lodge from second to fourth Tuesday in January.*

1. National banking act requires annual meeting of all banks to be held on second Tuesday in January, and most all State banks have their meeting on same date or thereabouts. Brother Boyce, one of the Custodians, could not be present today at Custodian's meeting for this reason.

2. Second Tuesday is always very close to "Wednesday after the

first Monday in January," which is the date of meeting of the Legislature, consequently very few legislators can attend sessions of Grand Lodge as they would like. This year Winston, Drewry, Royster, and thirty or forty others are in the Legislature.

3. Most private business corporations hold their annual meetings the first week in January, and it is inconvenient for Masons to leave at that time.

4. The merchants are then closing up their year's business, and planning for the future, collecting accounts, etc.

5. Usually it conflicts with County Commissioners' week, and any Mason attending the Grand Lodge will be delayed thirty days in getting any matter attended to before the Commissioners of his county.

6. By the fourth Tuesday the Legislature have elected their officers, organized their committees and have not yet begun night sessions.

7. Public schools are also just opening about present time, and for that reason Brother Cash could not be here yesterday to hold Custodian's meeting. Same applies to private schools opening. Same applies to many Masons getting children off to school.

Bro. J. W. Rowell, from Committee No. 1 on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Your Committee No. 1 on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the Proceedings and By-laws of the following lodges: Carolina, at Liberty, Randolph County; Maysville, at Maysville, Jones County; Bee Log, at Bee Log, Yancey County; Elon, at Elon College, Alamance County; and recommend that charters be granted, and that the petition for restoration of charter of Milling Port Lodge, Milling Port, Stanly County, be granted. We further recommend that the request of Ashpole Lodge, No. 335, to change its name to Rowland Lodge, No. 335, be granted.

Faternally,

B. W. HATCHER,

J. W. ROWELL,

Bro. John Nichols offered a ritual for a Lodge of Sorrow, prepared by Bro. Chas. F. Bahnson, which on motion was referred to the Grand Custodians.

A communication from Bro. B. T. Horton was read, and on motion was referred to Committee No. 1 on Propositions and Grievances.

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AN ALLEGATION AGAINST EASTERN STAR LODGE, NO. 425, GREEN MOUNTAIN, N. C., FOR IRREGULARITY AND UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Greeting:*

This allegation to show forth a fraud secretly perpetrated by said Lodge, inasmuch as it succeeded in its third effort to collect a few of certain members and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason one J. H. Bradshaw, who had been a Fellow Craft for more than five years, and who had basely violated his Fellow Craft's obligation, inasmuch as he had perpetrated a fraud of \$600 to \$800 upon a Fellow Craft, and knowing him to be such. This was all done contrary to the wishes of and over the protest of some of the best and most substantial members of said Lodge, and without any ballot.

The undersigned respectfully asks that said Lodge be dealt with in such way and manner as the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina, in its wisdom, may see proper, and thus secure the vindication of the honor and dignity of Freemasonry.

Fraternally,

B. T. HORTON.

Witness: J. M. PETERSON, W. M.,

Vesper Lodge, U. D., Spruce Pine, N. C.

WILL ENGLISH, W. M.,

Eastern Star Lodge.

J. L. BANNER,

District Deputy No. 24.

Bro. M. L. Winston, from the Special Committee on the Allen claim, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

We, your Special Committee to whom was referred the "Allen claims," at the session of the Grand Lodge in 1905—see Proceedings 1905, pages 72, 73 and 91—after having the personnel of the Committee definitely fixed by Grand Master Liddell, at the Grand Lodge of 1906, proceeded to investigate said claims.

We held our first meeting in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Granville County, in Oxford, on Friday, March 30, 1906, due notice having been given all the parties to be present.

After examining the records of the Superior Court of Granville County, the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County, the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, as



shown by the printed minutes (fortunately having the files of Mt. Energy and Creedmoor Lodges) and the full and voluminous notes taken by Brother W. B. McKoy while he was on a Committee of the Grand Lodge on this matter, which he kindly loaned us, and also after several visits to the library of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of verifying the information received, and having present with us Past Grand Master B. S. Royster, who rendered the Committee valuable assistance, and continuing the investigation from time to time until completed, we fraternally submit our findings as follows, to-wit:

That as far back as 1838, there was a proposition on foot to erect a "Masonic Seminary." In 1842, Brother T. J. Lemay offered a resolution which was adopted by the Grand Lodge. This resolution looked to the appointment of a committee to inquire and report on the practicability of the establishment of a Masonic school to which the funds of the Grand Lodge might be directed. This Committee reported and their scheme met the hearty approval of Grand Masters John H. Wheeler, Fanning, Collins, Jenkins, Jordan, Holt and Martin (see report of James Banks, from Committee on St. John's College, Proceedings 1858, pages 33, 40, 41 and 42). In 1846 William G. Hill, William F. Collins and C. W. D. Hutchins were appointed Trustees for the contemplated seat of learning, on the part of the Grand Lodge, and each Subordinate Lodge was asked to appoint one Trustee, but the Subordinate Lodges seem not to have complied very generally with this request. In 1848 Brother C. H. Wiley was appointed Agent by the Trustees, they having been authorized to do so by the Grand Lodge, session 1848. In 1850 the question of location came up, and Tuscarora Lodge, No. 122, proposed to give \$8,500.00 and ten acres of land if the Grand Lodge should locate the Seminary at Oxford, in Granville County. This proposition, after a great deal of discussion, was finally accepted, and the Grand Lodge located the "Seminary," which had now begun to be called a "College," at Oxford. In 1850 the Grand Lodge Committee on Corporations was authorized to obtain articles of incorporation from the State, enabling the Grand Lodge, through its Trustees, to acquire title to the site for the College.

In 1851 Grand Master Jordan, in his annual address, recommended St. John's College to the kind attention of the Grand Lodge. This portion of his address was approved by the Committee on Grand Master's Address. In 1852 the Committee reported that there was a moral obligation or responsibility resting upon the members of the Grand Lodge to stand by their oft repeated declaration of the ability of the Fraternity to establish the College.

In 1855, as the moral responsibility idea seemed to have failed to act with sufficient vigor, the President of the Board of Trustees offered the following resolution, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge, to-wit: "Resolved, That we rescind the resolution binding the Trustees in



making contracts, leaving them free to act at discretion." This resolution was repealed by the Grand Lodge, session 1858, page 40. While this resolution was in force, and long before it was repealed, the materials were furnished for St. John's College. (See note or bond described further on in this report.) In 1858 the trustees were authorized to expend \$22,500.00, and on page 25 of Proceedings of 1855, the mortgage to John Berry was authorized and "for paying the other debts the Subordinate Lodges were assessed one dollar for each member." This capitation tax was repealed by the Grand Lodge in December, 1858, see page 24 of Proceedings. In 1859, see Proceedings, page 44, a Special Committee reports the Allen claim at \$3,385.57.

At the May term of Granville Court the judgment set out in the report of Brother F. P. Hobgood, Jr., see Proceedings 1902, pages 94, 95 and 96, was obtained. This judgment seems to have been obtained on two bonds which were found by your Committee in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Granville County, which said bonds are in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

"\$1400.00.

With interest from the first day of May, 1857, we promise to pay to Allen and Company the just and full sum of Fourteen Hundred Dollars, for value received. This the first day of November, 1858.

Signed with our hands and sealed with the common seal of the Corporation.

R. W. LASSITER, President of the Board of  
Trustees of St. John's  
College.

{	Seal of St. John's	{	L. A. PASCHALL, B. T.
{	College, Oxford, N. C.	{	R. J. MITCHELL, M. B. T."

The other bond was exactly similar to the foregoing, except that it was for the sum of \$1,317.84. On December 14, 1859, the Treasurer's report shows that J. H. Gooch, who was Sheriff of Granville County at that time, was paid on a Fi Fa in part of the Allen debt \$900. Perhaps there was a payment on March 5, 1859, of \$255.69.

From the information furnished us it seems that the material furnished by Allen & Co. consisted principally of lumber used in the construction of the building, which said material was furnished prior to the 1st day of May, 1857, from which time the notes or bonds bear interest.

We find that the firm of Allen & Co. was composed of two brothers, Lewis P. Allen and C. W. Allen, Lewis P. Allen having two-thirds interest in said partnership and C. W. Allen one-third. L. P. Allen died July, 1858. C. W. Allen died in 1860, and by will left his estate practically to David Allen.

L. P. Allen and David Allen were both Master Masons. In 1868, the Grand Lodge ordered a payment to L. Paschall, guardian for David Allen's children, of the sum of one thousand and thirty-three dollars.

This amount was not paid until 1870. In 1869, the Grand Lodge gave for clothing, education, etc., of David Allen's children the sum of \$200.00—thus making a total payment of the one-third of Allen & Co.'s claim which had been willed by C. W. Allen to David Allen, of \$1233. The building was sold in the year 1868, under the Berry mortgage, and bought in for the Grand Lodge, and the building is now "the main building of the Orphan Asylum." We also find that a Special Committee, in 1871, page 50, reported on various other claims against the Grand Lodge, but made no report on the Allen claim. The following is the report referred to:

"The Committee to whom was referred the resolution to examine the claims against St. John's College deserving immediate payment, begs leave to recommend payment of \$338.63 to Brother J. T. Littlejohn and \$56.36½ to Brother L. A. Paschall, and the appointment of a committee to agree upon and recommend a compromise settlement of other just claims and report to the next Annual Communication.

EUGENE GRISSOM,

W. H. SMITH,

J. M. CURRIN."

From the facts found, only a brief summary of which is given above, we unanimously decided to report:

First. That the Grand Lodge does not owe Allen & Co. anything which can now be collected in a court of law, but the Grand Lodge is under a moral obligation, handed down to us from the time of the construction of the "main building" of the Orphan Asylum, to pay whatever is due and unpaid on the share of L. P. Allen in the debt above set out, which at this time, with interest added, would amount to more than \$5000.00.

Second. That the Grand Lodge owes David Allen's heirs nothing, either legally or morally. The said David Allen having inherited only one-third of the claim, and he, or his children, having received \$1233 in 1870, the irrebuttable presumption is that this amount was accepted in full settlement.

Third. We recommend that the Grand Lodge pay to the heirs of L. P. Allen the sum of \$800.00 in full compromise settlement of all debts, demands or claims, either in law, equity, good conscience or morals, arising out of the furnishing of materials by Allen & Co., for the construction of St. John's College, prior to the war of 1861. We recommend this amount, while we found a larger amount due, because Brother E. C. Allen, representing himself and all the other heirs of L. P. Allen, deceased, agreed with the Committee that this amount would be accepted as a full settlement of all claims.

Fourth. We recommend that Past Grand Master B. S. Royster be appointed a Committee of one to disburse the funds, taking from each

of the parties interested therein proper receipts, which shall be an absolute release and quittance to the Grand Lodge forever.

Fifth. Your Committee approached with awe this perplexing question, at which Grand Masters and Committees have worked so long. We find an immense volume of matter, which we have studied and considered to the best of our ability, and we bring the foregoing report to you, conscious that it has two things to recommend it:

1. That it, although perhaps inadequate, is founded in justice.
2. That inadequate, or otherwise, this report, if adopted, will settle forever a vexing question, that has arisen, from time to time, for over four decades, to harass Masonry in North Carolina.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

M. L. WINSTON,  
*Chairman,*

P. T. FARRABOW,  
*Master of Oxford Lodge, No. 396.*

F. R. HARRIS,  
*Master of Henderson Lodge, No. 229.*

Bro. Leon Cash, from the Board of Custodians, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Pursuant to the resolution of the Grand Lodge, the Custodians and Grand Lecturers met in semi-annual session January 8, 1907. Two Custodians were present: John E. Cameron and Leon Cash; and all the Lecturers, B. W. Hatcher, Grand Lecturer, and his four assistants, C. F. Bahnson, F. M. Moye, R. F. Edwards and J. W. Rowell.

Owing to the very limited time in which we had to review the work, only the essentials were gone over, but it is very gratifying to report that there was even greater uniformity found to exist among the Grand Lecturers than ever before.

There was a full meeting of the Custodians held at Morehead City in July, 1906, at which meeting the work was very carefully reviewed. For obvious reasons, at these mid-summer sessions there is greater opportunity to do justice to the work than at the January meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Board regrets to report that on account of serious sickness, Grand Lecturer B. W. Hatcher, for the first time in his Masonic life, was, by order of his physician, unable to attend the Morehead meeting.

It has been a long and arduous task to thoroughly unite the Lecturers on one work, but we assure the Craft that that has now been done, and we hope the Subordinate Lodges will all secure the services of some Grand Lecturer during the coming year, that the degrees may be conferred in a uniform way throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

The work is ready; unless the lodges accept it, that work will have been in vain.

The reports made to the Board by the Grand Lecturers show 74 out of 366 lodges have been lectured during the year just past. This is only 20 per cent., and at this rate it will be five years before all the lodges receive the work. One hundred and sixty-four weeks' work was done by the five Lecturers. They were busy nearly all the time, and have done good work. Brother Hatcher reports he is now engaged twelve weeks ahead.

We regret to say we think the lodges in the cities are too slow in taking the work, and many country lodges do not feel able to employ the services of a Grand Lecturer. The middle sized towns are the ones that have received the work in the greatest degree, and these do the best work.

From the reports of the Grand Lecturers, we find those lodges that have invested in the services of a Grand Lecturer have always found it paid a handsome dividend, and those lodges that have not had a Lecturer in years, when once they can be induced to secure one, invariably ask for his return.

We desire to return our thanks to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for his assistance to us in carrying out our plans to further uniformity in the work, and it is our desire that we be given opportunity to have the work exemplified in full as far as possible at the present meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. CAMERON,  
*Chairman,*

LEON CASH,  
*Secretary,*

S. N. BOYCE.

Bro. T. T. McGilvary, from Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, beg leave to offer the following report:

We have carefully examined the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1906, and find two items which seem to merit your attention:

1. On page 63 an amendment to the By-laws, introduced by Past Grand Master F. H. Busbee.
2. On page 94, a resolution was introduced by Past Grand Master John Nichols, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and was reported by that Committee—see page 96—but not acted on by the Grand Lodge.

T. T. MCGILVARY,  
J. L. PEED,  
J. W. HORTON,  
B. S. SKINNER,  
S. G. WILSON.

Resolution from Thomasville Lodge, No. 214, in the case of R. T. Lambeth, was read and on motion referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances No. 1.

THOMASVILLE, N. C., January 4, 1907.

*Resolved*, That Thomasville Lodge, No. 214, A. F. & A. M., request the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, at their approaching meeting, to restore to full fellowship as a Mason, Brother R. T. Lambeth, and allow him to join the lodge in Virginia, where he now resides.

Above resolution came before Thomasville Lodge, No. 214, A. F. & A. M., January 4, 1907, and on motion vote was taken, which stood as follows: 17 for and 4 against the resolution going before the Grand Lodge; 51 present at time vote was taken.

The Secretary was instructed to forward the resolution to the Grand Secretary, with notation of the vote on same.

THOMASVILLE LODGE, No. 214, A. F. & A. M.,

LEWIS DORSETT, *Secretary*.

Bro. J. T. Alderman introduced the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary have printed all of the unprinted Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, from its beginning to the year 1841.

*Also*, to have reprinted those Proceedings which were printed prior to the year 1841.

Bro. G. Rosenthal, from the Committee on Orphan Asylum, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of North Carolina:*

The Committee on the Orphan Asylum recommends:

1st. That the Grand Lodge approve of the establishment of the "Permanent Fund" by the Board of Directors.

2nd. That the fire insurance policies be turned over to the Board of Directors for the purpose named in their report, and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the premiums as heretofore.

3rd. That three thousand (\$3,000) dollars be appropriated for the current year.

4th. We heartily approve of the recommendation of the Superintendent that a good field worker be employed.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we call the special attention of this Grand Lodge to the splendid showing made during the past year by the Asylum Singing Class in its tours throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. The financial receipts of \$8,440 show an increase of 25 per cent. over those of the previous year, and your Committee wish to thus publicly notice and thank the teachers for their preparation of the class, the children for their exemplary conduct and most creditable public entertainments, and the Craft and the general public for their helpful and gratifying patronage.

We deeply regret that Brother Hicks is unable to attend this session of the Grand Lodge, and we earnestly hope that he will soon be restored to perfect health. To him and the corps of teachers, and all associated with them in the management of our Asylum we tender our sincere thanks, and make this public record of the same.

Fraternally submitted,

SAM'L H. SMITH,  
JOSEPH KINSEY,  
L. J. SEARS,  
GEO. S. NORFLEET,  
LAT WILLIAMS,  
J. F. ABEL,  
M. C. S. NOBLE,  
F. M. MOYE,  
R. J. NOBLE.

Bro. J. R. Smith offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to Committee on Charters and Dispensations No. 1:

Cherokee Lodge, No. 197, of Stoneville, North Carolina, wishes the Grand Lodge to allow them to change their name from Cherokee to Stoneville, as there is a Cherokee Lodge, No. 146.

J. R. SMITH, W. M.

Bro. J. G. Burrus, from Committee No. 1 on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

We, your Committee on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, No. 1, beg leave to report we have examined all the returns submitted to this Committee by the Grand Secretary, from No. 1 to 277, and find them all correct, with these exceptions, to-wit: Cherokee Lodge, No. 197, no seal of lodge to the report. Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, seal of lodge not properly attached.

DR. J. E. WILSON,  
LEWIS GRIMMER,  
J. T. BUNDY,  
DR. J. A. MISE,  
J. G. BURRUS,  
C. S. POWELL,  
E. P. DAVIS.

Bro. J. N. Hudgins, from Committee No. 3 on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

We, your Committee on Subordinate Lodges No. 3, beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined all the reports submitted to this Committee by the Grand Secretary, and find all correct with these exceptions, to-wit: Burnsville Lodge, No. 192, balance due \$3.75; Beaver Dam Lodge, No. 276, due \$1.50; Dellaplane Lodge, No. 355, due \$15.00; Folkston Lodge, No. 356, due 75 cents; Rockville Lodge, No. 411, due 50 cents, Elkin Lodge, No. 454, due 75 cents. The following report no Orphan Asylum Committee: American George



Lodge, No. 17; Buncombe Lodge, No. 526. The following report not sealed: Siler City Lodge, No. 403.

W. H. NORMAN,  
*Chairman,*

J. N. SMITH,  
L. J. WATSON,  
J. W. JOHNSON,  
J. N. HUDGINS,  
W. H. HESTER.

The Grand Lecturers, under the direction of the Grand Master, then proceeded to exemplify the uniform work of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.



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SECOND DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

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WEDNESDAY, January 9, 1907.

**T**HE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 o'clock, P. M., Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Gattis presiding.

The proceedings of the morning session were read and approved.

Bro. C. D. Wildes introduced the following amendment to the By-laws, which, under the rules, was required to lie over until tomorrow:

MOVED to amend Article XI, Section 1, of the Masonic Code of North Carolina, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. The amount chargeable by the Subordinate Lodges for the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason shall not be less than FIFTEEN DOLLARS; and in no case shall the fees be remitted.

*Provided, however,* That in towns of five thousand population, and up to ten thousand population, the minimum amount chargeable for the aforesaid three degrees shall not be less than TWENTY DOLLARS; and that in towns of ten thousand population and over, the minimum amount chargeable for the aforesaid three degrees shall not be less than TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS.

It shall be discretionary with the lodges in this Jurisdiction to establish any ratio of fees for those several degrees and to apportion a sum to each (exclusive of Tiler's fees that may be allowed), provided, the amounts so apportioned shall not be less than that prescribed in this section.

Bro. W. H. McLaurin, from Committee No. 1 on Propositions and Grievances, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Committee on Propositions and Grievances No. 1, respectfully

recommend that the complaint of Brother B. T. Horton against Eastern Star Lodge, No. 426, Green Mountain, N. C. be referred to Brother J. L. Banner, District Deputy Grand Master, District 24, for investigation, and report result of his investigation to the Grand Master, with such recommendations as he may deem proper for his future action.

That the resolution of Thomasville Lodge, No. 214, requesting that R. T. Lambeth be "restored to full fellowship as a Mason" be not approved.

W. H. McLAURIN,  
R. Y. JOYNER,  
J. L. GWALTNEY,  
J. B. CLARK,  
M. J. OWENSBY.

Bro. J. W. Rowell, from Committee No. 1 on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Your Committee No. 1 on Charters and Dispensations report further that the petition of Cherokee Lodge, No. 197, asking the Grand Lodge to allow them to change their name from Cherokee to Stoneville, we recommend that the change be allowed. We further recommend that Elise Lodge, at Hemp, Moore County, Neill S. Stewart Lodge at Duke, Harnett County, and Grassy Branch Lodge at Terrell, in Catawba County, be continued under dispensation.

Fraternally,

B. W. HATCHER,  
J. W. ROWELL.

Bro. F. M. Winchester introduced the following memorial, which was read and adopted:

*To the Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

For a Committee of Masons of Charlotte, representing Phalanx, Excelsior and Joppa Lodges, I beg leave to report, that deeming the building of a home for aged and indigent Masons one of the noblest and most important enterprises undertaken by this Grand Lodge in many

years; and being most anxious to see this grand work begun at the earliest possible moment, we, the Masons of Charlotte, determined to do what we could to secure a nucleus for a fund to be used for this purpose.

In order to do this, we determined to hold a bazaar in our city, which we did on January 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, and as a result we have a little fund of between \$1,200 and \$1,500, which we desire to devote to that noble and glorious purpose.

Realizing that this work will not be done for at least a year, or more we desire to place this money at interest until used. Recognizing the fact that the early completion as well as the maintenance of this home depends upon the early completion of the Temple, we desire to offer this fund to the Grand Lodge to be used by the Temple Committee until such time as the Grand Lodge is ready to begin the erection of the home. When it shall be turned over with accumulated interest to the Committee having the matter of the erection of the home in charge, to be devoted solely for the purpose of the home for the aged and indigent Masons, as was the original intention.

F. M. WINCHESTER,

*Chairman.*

Bro. R. N. Hackett, from the Committee on Home for Aged and Indigent Masons, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

We, the Committee on Home for Aged and Indigent Masons, beg leave to report that we find among the Masons of the State an enthusiastic and growing interest in favor of the home.

That, while no direct effort, except in one instance, has been made to secure funds for this purpose, yet we are convinced that as soon as the best means which can be devised for securing funds shall be presented to the Masons of the State the same will meet with an enthusiastic response. We recommend the Committee be continued with same powers and duties as heretofore, with the additional duties of discussing, examining and recommending a location for said home, and report to the next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge.

F. M. WINCHESTER,

*Chairman,*

R. N. HACKETT,

A. C. DAVIS,

A. J. PARKER,

G. ROSENTHAL.

Bro. R. N. Hackett introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge accept with sincere thanks the proceeds of the Masonic bazaar held in the City of Charlotte, under the guidance of Brother F. M. Winchester, Senior Grand Deacon, which is to be used for the purpose of building a home for aged Masons.

The said amount is to be turned over to the Masonic Temple Building Committee, to be temporarily used in the matter of financing the erection of the Masonic Temple, and that the said Masonic Temple Construction Company is hereby directed to repay this amount, with accumulated interest, to the proper representatives of the Grand Lodge on the home for aged Masons whenever the said Committee shall make report that their plans are sufficiently well in hand to insure work beginning upon said home for aged Masons.

R. N. HACKETT.

Bro. C. L. Pridgen presented the following resolutions from St. John's Lodge, No. 4, in regard to Brother S. H. Rountree, which were read and unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren  
of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Brother S. H. Rountree, Sr., known in this vicinity as the "Grand Old Mason," was born in Pitt County, North Carolina, on February 23, 1825. He was the son of Charles J. Rountree and Susannah Hart Rountree, and on February 6, 1850, was united in marriage to Miss Martha A. J. Dunn, afterwards moving near Kinston, where he lived until September 13, 1906, when the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe was pleased to call him from the troubles of life, at the advanced age of nearly eighty-two, to that peaceful rest in his own everlasting mansion.

Brother Rountree became affiliated with the Masons at the early age of 22, and was in many and various ways profoundly honored. He petitioned Sharon Lodge, No. 78, of Pitt County, for degrees on June 24, 1847; was initiated on July 3, 1847; passed and raised August 3, 1847. In 1847 he was Junior Warden of Sharon Lodge, and in 1852 demitted and joined St. John's Lodge, then No. 96, now No. 4, which he served as Junior and Senior Wardens until 1855, and as Master from then until 1902, with the exception of seventeen years. He was also an earnest and constant laborer in the higher branches of the Fraternity. He

accepted our teachings in the proper spirit, of which the local lodge and the Grand Lodge of the State were ever cognizant. His conception of the work was extensive and complete, his knowledge exact, his labors untiring, his efforts magnificent. He guided St. John's Lodge through many dark days and trying circumstances, preceding, during and after the civil war, and was the organizer and father of most of the lodges of Lenoir, Green and Pitt Counties. The Grand Lodge of the State regarded him as authority on the rite, which he received direct from L. L. Stevenson himself. In 1870 he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and afterwards served the Grand Lodge for twenty-eight years as Grand Lecturer of the State, and as a further demonstration of his ability and fidelity he was appointed for eight years Grand Custodian of the work. As a token of the respect, the esteem, the love, the veneration in which St. John's Lodge held him, they for fifty-two consecutive years sent him to the Grand Lodge as representative.

In the principles and honors of Masonry his record is an enviable one, one perhaps seldom equalled and rarely surpassed, and yet all those who knew him well can say with perfect justice that each honor, as great as they were, was most worthily conferred.

During the war between the States, Brother Rountree was Captain of the Lenoir County Senior Reserves, the duties of which he discharged faithfully, and in this as in all other proceedings he left no stain of dishonor; his hands were never soiled by the betrayal of public or private trust, but he ever remained steadfast to the principles of an undaunted man. His was an honorable life, unimpeached and unimpeachable, and he leaves behind him a valuable example of Christian manhood. In his death the Masonic brotherhood have been deprived of one devoted to their teachings, and St. John's Lodge, No. 4, has sustained an invaluable loss. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be presented to the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication, with the request that they be read and spread upon the minutes to perpetuate the remembrance of this Grand Mason.

C. L. PRIDGEN,

J. G. DAWSON,

*Committee.*

Bro. L. M. Chaffin, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Your Committee on Appeals beg to report that they have examined

the several appeals referred to them, and recommend the following:

1st. Appeal of R. N. Wade from the finding of Tally Ho Lodge, No. 393. That on account of irregularities appearing in the record, and failure to set out a sufficient statement to justify suspension, we recommend that the appeal be sustained and that he be reinstated.

2nd. In the case of W. S. Sherman, appealing from the action of William G. Hill Lodge, No. 208, expelling him. We recommend that the decision of the lodge be sustained.

3rd. In the case of J. F. Ragan, appealing from the action of Rolesville Lodge, No. 156, expelling him. We recommend that the decision of the lodge be sustained.

L. M. CHAFFIN,  
R. C. DEROSSETT,  
W. T. GRIGG, M. D.,  
Z. V. PEED,  
*Committee.*

Bro. E. R. Wilson, from Committee No. 2 on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren  
of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

We, your Committee No. 2 on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report as follows:

That we have examined the returns of the lodges from No. 274 to 447, inclusive, and find them correct. We find the following returns have no seal attached: No. 305, Laurinburg, N. C.; No. 378, Seaboard, N. C., and No. 374, Cape Fear, incomplete, failing to give officers and members. No. 327, Winton Lodge, seal indistinct.

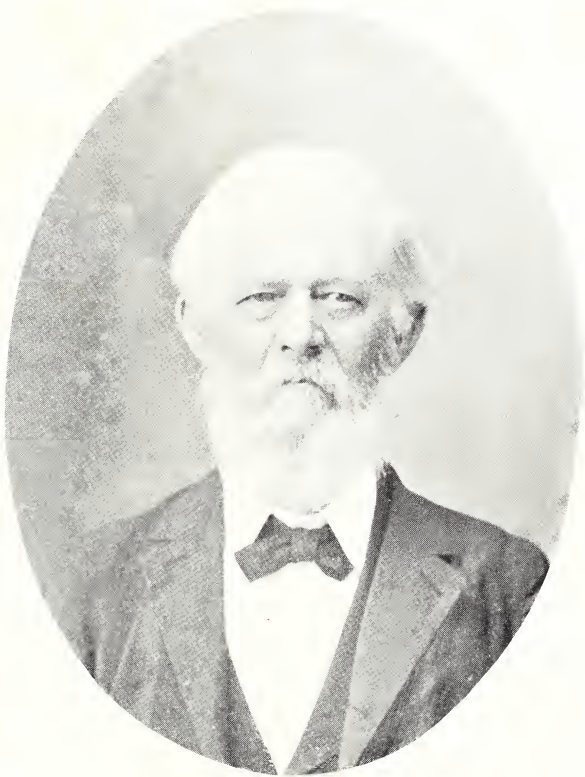
Respectfully submitted,

E. R. WILSON,  
M. E. SHELL.

Bro. J. E. Cameron, Chairman of the Board of Custodians, then took the East, and the Custodians and Grand Lecturers, under the direction of the Grand Master, proceeded to exemplify the uniform work of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 o'clock, P. M.





S. H. ROUNTREE

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

Born, February 23, 1825

Died, September 13, 1906



## SECOND DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

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WEDNESDAY, January 9, 1907.

**T**HE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., Most Worshipful Grand Master Francis D. Winston presiding.

The proceedings of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Bro. J. M. Templeton introduced the following resolution, which was read and under the rules was required to lie over for consideration until tomorrow's session:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge employ a capable man on salary who shall devote his entire time to the cause of Masonry, under the direction of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary jointly.

Bro. Chas. F. Bahnson, from Committee No. 2 on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

We, your Committee No. 2 on Charters and Dispensations, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the proceedings and By-laws of the following lodges:

Roman Eagle, Aberdeen, Moore County; Blowing Rock, Blowing Rock, Watauga County; Glenville, Glenville, Jackson County; Revolution, Greensboro, Guilford County; Zephyr, Zephyr, Surry County; Vesper, Spruce Pine, Mitchell County; and find them correct and recommend that charters be granted and their representatives be admitted to seats on the floor.

We also recommend that Blowing Rock Lodge be allowed to take the number—458—belonging to the lodge formerly at that place.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. MOYE,

R. F. EDWARDS,

CHAS. F. BAHNSON,

*Committee.*

On motion, a collection was taken up for the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and \$41.03 was handed to Brother G. Rosenthal, Treasurer of the Orphan Asylum.

Bro. J. L. Currin, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Your Committee on Finance beg to report that they have carefully examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find the following:

The receipts for the year were as follows:

Lodge dues, etc.....	\$ 11,500 15
Charter fees, etc.....	342 00
Sales of Codes, etc.....	39 75
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	\$ 11,881 90

All of which we find the Grand Treasurer has receipted for.

The amount disbursed by the Grand Treasurer was \$11,699.49, which is within the limit of the budget prepared for last year, and shows a balance now on hand of \$4,647.07.

We recommend the continuation of the budget now existing for the coming year, with the following additions, which the Grand Lodge has ordered:

REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS.

Clerk hire to Grand Secretary.....	600 00
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SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Allen claim.....	800 00
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CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENSES.

District Deputies' expenses.....	500 00
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	\$ 1,900 00

Which with the appropriations now made makes a grand total of estimated expenses of \$14,550.00.

We estimate the income of the Grand Lodge for the coming year to be as follows:

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Per capita tax of lodges @ 75c .....	\$ 13,310 00
(16,835 Masons x 5 per cent.)	
Charter fees, etc.....	350 00
Sales of Codes, etc.....	40 00
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	\$ 13,700 00

Which is somewhat short of the estimated expenses for the year.

In the matter of the reprinting of the early Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, we would recommend that it be done, and that the expenses of the same be paid out of the contingent fund of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

A. B. ANDREWS, JR.,  
J. P. MCNEILL,  
J. L. CURRIN,  
S. GALLERT,  
C. W. MORGAN,  
J. BAILEY OWEN.

Bro. T. B. Womack, from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg to report that they have carefully considered the several matters referred to them and report as follows:

We approve the action of the Grand Master in refusing dispensations to set aside the law requiring twelve months' residence before a petition for the degrees can be entertained. Unless the consent of the lodge from whose jurisdiction the petitioner has removed has been obtained, such petition cannot be received, but when it has been obtained no dispensation is necessary. This is established law, and has been so laid down by Grand Masters Busbee, Noble and Royster in decisions Nos. 416, 511, 513 and 516 in the Digest of Masonic Law (Andrews) just issued by the Grand Lodge.

In the matter of dispensations requested, some of which were granted and others refused, for the shortening of the time to ballot upon candidates, we find that the Grand Lodge thus expressed itself: "Upon all such questions within proper jurisdiction, the best judgment and conscience of the Grand Master are the proper *criteria* of action. The facts and circumstances being in his possession, he alone is best qualified to judge of the question of propriety. Upon this view of the case,

we sustain the action of the Grand Master in the premises, while a contrary decision and action upon equally conscientious motives would have been equally correct. Masonic law embraces not only the *lex scripta*, but *lex non scripta*. The latter includes in its circle the Grand Master's prerogatives, one of which is the power of dispensation; and when properly determined, is as sacred and inviolable as the former. The Grand Master is the custodian of the several jurisdictions of Masonic tradition. It is his duty to transmit this Code as pure as he received it." (Digest of Masonic Law No. 402, on page 94.)

#### DECISIONS OF GRAND MASTER.

We approve decision No. 1, it being strictly in accordance with the ruling of Grand Master Munson in 1877, which this Grand Lodge approved. See Masonic Digest No. 342.

Decision No. 2 is approved.

Decision No. 3 is approved. It reaffirms decision No. 520 of Masonic Digest.

Decision No. 4 is approved.

Decision No. 5 is approved. Law seems clearly settled. See Article X, Section 8, Code of 1897. Also Decisions Nos. 70, 165, 306 and 365 of Masonic Digest.

Decision No. 6 is approved.

Decision No. 7 is approved. In this connection your Committee is of the opinion that by slightly changing the language, the meaning may be made clearer, and we state it as follows: B Lodge requests C Lodge to confer the degrees upon a candidate elected by it. Before the degrees are conferred, can a member of C Lodge object to the giving of the degrees? He can, but such objection must be communicated to B Lodge, in which the ballot for advancing or raising must take place. Pending such, C Lodge would of course suspend proceedings. Of course, C Lodge could at any time, for reasons of its own, decline to confer the degrees.

Decision No. 8 is approved, as being in harmony with similar decisions previously made. See decisions Nos. 429 and 575 of Masonic Digest.

Decision No. 9 is overruled, as contrary to Masonic law. It is "That a man's legal residence is his Masonic residence." To enable a lodge to entertain a petition for degrees *one must have resided* twelve months within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and must have resided twelve months within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which the petition is presented. To acquire a legal residence, under the present State law entitling a person to vote, requires two years' residence in the State, and six months' residence in the county. For the service of process a different law obtains. Surely it was not the intention of the

framers of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to leave the "residence" to the statute law of the State. We construe the word "residence" and "resided" in Article 10, Section 5, of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge to mean actual, bona-fide residence. That is, where one lives, and not necessarily where one might have his legal or political residence, and certainly not where one may be a transient or sojourner.

Decision No. 10 is approved. See decisions Nos. 109 and 375 of Masonic Digest.

Decision No. 11 is approved. This is very clearly laid down in decision No. 488 of the Masonic Digest.

Decision No. 12 is approved, but the lodge's attention is called to decision No. 296 of the Masonic Digest, by Grand Master Blount in 1875, where the Grand Lodge recommends separate halls, when practicable.

Decision No. 13 is approved. Has been before the Grand Lodge in decisions Nos. 319 and 552 of the Masonic Digest, and approved.

Decision No. 14 is approved. By reference to decisions Nos. 8 and 278 of the Masonic Digest, it will be seen that this Grand Lodge has twice expressed itself, first in 1835 and again in 1874, upon this question.

In the matter of the complaint of the Grand Lodge of Virginia that this Grand Lodge has invaded its jurisdiction, your Committee find that this Lodge has passed a set of resolutions (See 1894 Proceedings, page 42. Also Masonic Digest, decision No. 467.) allowing lodges in adjoining States to receive petitions for degrees from residents of this State, where such lodges were nearer such applicants than the nearest lodge in this State, provided such other Grand Lodge of that State extended the same right to lodges of this State. The following is the statement of the action of the Grand Lodge of Virginia on this subject:

PROCEEDINGS GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA, 1892, PAGE 112.

*(Address of Grand Master W. H. Pleasants.)*

In the month of February, I had a communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, complaining of the invasion of his territory by Lodge No. 223 of this Jurisdiction. I immediately directed an investigation to be made by District Deputy Grand Master J. T. Deep. His report to me developed the fact that there was some ground for the charge. The Master of No. 223 was then directed to cease receiving petitions from residents of North Carolina. I invited the Grand Master of North Carolina to propose to his Grand Lodge the adoption of concurrent jurisdiction, as provided in Section 2 of our Digest. He expressed his approval of that action, and indicated his purpose to propose it to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina at its next Communication. If concurrent jurisdiction be accepted, all possible ground will, in the future, be avoided.



In decision No. 478 of the Masonic Digest, we find brought forward the following decision by Grand Master Moye:

"The Grand Lodges of North Carolina and Virginia having adopted resolutions mutually agreeable touching the question of concurrent jurisdiction, a lodge in North Carolina may entertain the petition of a candidate living in Virginia whose residence is nearer said lodge than any lodge in his own State."

We recommend the adoption of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognizing the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and denying recognition to the other two lodges named therein.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER E. MOORE,  
*Chairman,*  
M. L. SPENCE,  
C. L. PRIDGEN,  
A. B. ANDREWS, JR.,  
THOMAS B. WOMACK.

Bro. W. S. Stevens introduced the following amendment to the By-laws, which, under the rules, went over until tomorrow:

WHEREAS, It is the duty of all Master Masons to provide care and protection for the wives, daughters, sisters and mothers of other Master Masons, when such fact of relationship is made known to them, and

WHEREAS, Many of the daughters and sisters of Master Masons are often absent from home and in strange lands, where their Masonic identity is unknown, now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, By the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, that whenever it shall be made to appear to the Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge that the wife, sister, daughter or mother of a member thereof is sojourning within another jurisdiction, and the related member of said Subordinate Lodge shall so request, it shall be the duty of said Secretary to immediately certify such fact to the Secretary of the lodge having jurisdiction over said wife, sister, mother or daughter, whose duty it shall be to acquaint the members of his lodge with such fact, to the end that they may offer to such wife, sister, daughter or mother that degree of care and protection to which they are entitled under our Masonic laws and customs.

The hour for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the Grand Master appointed the following tellers, viz: Henry A. Grady, S. J. Calvert, W. R. Vaughan, A. S. Holden.

The election resulted as follows:

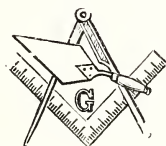
FRANCIS D. WINSTON.....	Grand Master.
SAMUEL M. GATTIS.....	Deputy Grand Master.
RICHARD N. HACKETT.....	Senior Grand Warden.
WILLIAM B. MCKOY.....	Junior Grand Warden.
LEO D. HEARTT.....	Grand Treasurer.
JOHN C. DREWRY.....	Grand Secretary.

Bro. John W. Cotten was elected a Director of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

On motion, a Committee of three was appointed to make arrangements for the installation of officers.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee: Past Grand Masters Chas. H. Robinson, B. S. Royster and H. I. Clark.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.



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## THIRD DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

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THURSDAY, January 10, 1907.

**T**HE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:30 o'clock A. M., Most Worshipful Grand Master Francis D. Winston presiding.

The proceedings of the evening session of the previous day were read and approved.

The resolution introduced by Brother W. S. Stevens at the session the previous day, in regard to the protection and care of the wives, daughters and mothers of Master Masons, was taken up, and, after being read and discussed, was on motion adopted.

The amendment introduced by Brother C. D. Wildes at the session the previous day, in regard to changing the fees for the Masonic degrees, was taken up, and after being read and discussed, was on motion defeated.

The hour for the Special Order having arrived, the amendment introduced by Brother C. P. Ambler at the session the previous day, in regard to changing the time of meeting of the Grand Lodge, was then laid before the Grand Lodge. The amendment was read, and after being discussed, it was defeated.

Bro. Chas. F. Bahnson, from Committee No. 2 on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina,  
A. F. & A. M.:*

We, your Committee No. 2 on Charters and Dispensations, beg leave to report further:

We have carefully examined the proceedings and By-laws of Madison Lodge, U. D., at Madison, Rockingham County, and recommend that they be granted a charter.

We also recommend they be allowed to take the name and number of the old lodge—Dan River, No. 129—and be granted the property formerly in the possession of said Dan River Lodge, No. 129.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. MOYE,  
R. F. EDWARDS,  
CHAS. F. BAHNSON,  
*Committee.*

Bro. W. H. McLaurin, from Committee No. 1 on Propositions and Grievances, made the following report, which was read and after being amended was adopted:

Your Committee No. 1 on Propositions and Grievances respectfully report, that the trial of J. H. Turner by Joppa Lodge, No. 401, was not in accordance with Masonic law, and recommend that the case be returned to said lodge for a new trial.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McLAURIN,  
R. W. JOYNER,  
J. L. GWALTNEY,  
J. B. CLARK,  
M. J. OWENSBY.

The amendment to the By-laws, in regard to appointing an officer to devote his entire time to the cause of Masonry, was taken up, and after being read, on motion, it was defeated.

Bro. S. N. Boyce from the Board of Custodians made the following report which was read and adopted:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

We, your Committee to whom was referred the matter of recommendation to the Grand Lodge of a Ritual for a "Lodge of sorrow," prepared by Assistant Grand Lecturer Chas. F. Bahmson, beg leave to report that we, as a Committee, have not had time for more than a casual examination of the same, and are, therefore, not prepared to make a final recommendation.

Our opinion, however, is that the state of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction does not warrant the undertaking of any new work at this time.

We, therefore, suggest that the question of the adoption of the aforesaid Ritual be deferred at least till the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

J. E. CAMERON,

LEON CASH,

S. N. BOYCE,

*Committee.*

January 10, 1907.

Bro. W. E. Moore, from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

*To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:*

In regard to the proposed act of incorporation for Whetstone Lodge, No. 515, your Committee report the same back to the Grand Lodge, without prejudice.

We do this, not that we question at all the proposed charter or the action of the lodge, but from the fact that we question whether it be desirable for the Subordinate Lodges to be separately incorporated, and put to the expense of maintaining so many separate organizations.

A number of lodges have erected halls, as we understand Whetstone Lodge, No. 515, desires to do, the charter being desired for the purpose of issuing bonds, and had their property made over to trustees for the lodge, which seems to your Committee the better plan.

We, therefore, recommend that a Special Committee, consisting of Brothers F. H. Busbee, P. G. M., T. B. Womack and A. B. Andrews, Jr., be appointed to examine the statute law of the State, and to draft a bill to be presented to the Legislature at its present session, providing that the law allowing trustees of religious societies to hold property be amended so as to provide that fraternal organizations may hold their property in the same manner.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER E. MOORE,

*for Committee.*

A vote of thanks was extended to Col. F. A. Olds, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Raleigh and to

the young lady in his office, for courtesies shown the members of the Grand Lodge.

One of the items referred to in the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, was adopted at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, but in consequence of an apparent clerical or typographical error, the records were not entirely clear. To avoid any possible doubt on the question of its adoption another vote was ordered and the report of the Judiciary Committee was again adopted. The following is the report:

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:*

Coming to the hall upon the call of the Grand Master, your Chairman cannot find any members of the Committee except Past Grand Masters Royster and Moore, and a meeting was held of the three members.

The Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of Past Grand Master Nichols have considered the same and recommend the following as a substitute:

Section 3a. When a dimit shall be applied for by any member for the purpose of joining another lodge; if the application shall state such purpose, his membership in his lodge shall not cease until his application for membership in the lodge to which he has applied shall be granted and that the form of application for a dimit shall be amended by adding at the end in parenthesis (for the purpose of applying for membership in.....Lodge No.....).

Faternally submitted,

F. H. BUSBEE,

WALTER E. MOORE,

B. S. ROYSTER,

*for Committee.*

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M.

## THIRD DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

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THURSDAY, January 10, 1907.

**T**HE Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 o'clock P. M., the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Francis D. Winston, presiding.

The proceedings of the morning session were read and approved.

The Committee on Installation, through Past Grand Master Chas. H. Robinson, made its report and stated that they had secured the services of Past Grand Masters Walter E. Moore and John Nichols to install the Grand Officers.

The Grand Master announced installing officers as follows: Past Grand Master W. E. Moore, assisted by Past Grand Master John Nichols.

The Grand Officers were then installed by Past Grand Master Walter E. Moore, assisted by Past Grand Master John Nichols acting as Grand Marshal.

### ELECTED OFFICERS.

F. D. WINSTON.....	Grand Master.....	Windsor
S. M. GATTIS.....	Deputy Grand Master.....	Hillsboro
R. N. HACKETT.....	Senior Grand Warden.....	Wilkesboro
W. B. MCKOY.....	Junior Grand Warden.....	Wilmington
LEO D. HEARTT.....	Grand Treasurer.....	Raleigh
JOHN C. DREWRY.....	Grand Secretary.....	Raleigh

### APPOINTED OFFICERS.

F. N. SKINNER.....	Grand Chaplain.....	Fayetteville
B. W. HATCHER.....	Grand Lecturer.....	Albemarle
F. M. WINCHESTER.....	Senior Grand Deacon.....	Charlotte
J. T. ALDERMAN.....	Junior Grand Deacon.....	Henderson



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F. P. HOBGOOD, JR.....	Grand Marshal.....	Greensboro
DR. J. B. GRIGGS.....	Grand Sword Bearer.....	Elizabeth City
M. D. KINSLAND.....	Grand Pursuivant.....	Waynesville
GEO. S. NORFLEET.....	Grand Steward.....	Winston
DR. J. C. BRASWELL.....	Grand Steward.....	Enfield
R. H. BRADLEY.....	Grand Tiler.....	Raleigh
W. S. PRIMROSE.....	Auditor.....	Raleigh
M. DELANCEY HAYWOOD.....	Historian.....	Raleigh

## CUSTODIANS.

J. E. CAMERON, Chairman.....	Raleigh
LEON CASH.....	Winston
S. N. BOYCE.....	Gastonia

## ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS.

F. M. MOYE.....	Wilson
CHAS. F. BAHNSON.....	Farmington
R. F. EDWARDS.....	Topia
J. W. ROWELL.....	Liberty

Standing Committees for the ensuing year were announced as follows:

*Jurisprudence:*

F. H. Busbee, T. B. Womack, U. L. Spence, Walter E. Moore, Col. E. S. Martin, F. G. James, E. M. Koonce, J. H. Matthews.

*Propositions and Grievances:*

No. 1.—W. H. McLaurin, C. B. Flournoy, Dr. H. V. Dunstan.  
No. 2.—Dr. R. W. Joyner, J. D. Taylor, J. B. Clark.

*Appeals:*

Gen. Carl A. Woodruff, Lat Williams, Geo. H. Riggs.

*Foreign Correspondence:*

Dr. John A. Collins, W. L. London, J. L. Scott.

*Accounts and Claims:*

A. B. Andrews, J. L. Currin, J. P. McNeill.

*Credentials:*

W. W. Willson, J. F. Jordan, Z. V. Peed.

*Orphan Asylum:*

S. H. Smith, T. B. Bailey, J. F. Abel, F. M. Moye, M. J. Hawkins,  
L. J. Sears, J. F. Roberts, B. A. Merritt, C. L. Reeves.

*Masonic Temple:*

F. D. Winston, Grand Master, W. S. Liddell, Wm. R. Cox,  
Saml. H. Smith, Jno. W. Cotten, R. J. Noble, B. S. Royster, Julian S.  
Carr, A. J. Harris, Col. Jno. S. Cunningham, J. D. Elliott, A. B.  
Andrews, Jr., John C. Drewry.

*Special Committee on Charity:*

Jas. A. Briggs, S. J. Hinsdale, F. F. Harding.

Bro. F. H. Busbee was appointed Grand Orator for the  
next Annual Communication.

Bro. R. H. Bradley, of Raleigh, was reappointed Grand  
Librarian.

The Grand Lodge having concluded its business, the  
proceedings of the morning session were read and approved.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

FRANCIS D. WINSTON,

*Grand Master.*



JOHN C. DREWRY,

*Grand Secretary.*

## SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

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**T**HE Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons convened in Special Communication at Shelmerdine, in Pitt County, North Carolina, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., February 8, 1906, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

Acting Grand Officers present were:

W. M. RICHARD WILLIAMS.....	as Grand Master
R. W. J. M. REUSS.....	as Deputy Grand Master
" E. E. GRIFFIN.....	as Senior Grand Warden
" H. B. PHILLIPS.....	as Junior Grand Warden
" H. MCCLELLAND.....	as Grand Treasurer
" W. L. BROWN.....	as Grand Secretary
W. J. M. REUSS.....	as Senior Grand Deacon
" C. B. WHICHARD.....	as Junior Grand Deacon
" L. A. SMITH.....	as Grand Marshal
" W. H. ADAMS.....	as Grand Tiler

Bro. H. McClelland was appointed as Bearer of Great Lights.

The following lodges were represented:

Greenville, No. 284; Grimesland, No. 475; Temperance, No. 389; Suffolk, No. 30, Jurisdiction of Virginia.

The Grand Master announced that this communication was called for the purpose of dedicating and establishing Shelmerdine Lodge, No. 545, which was done.

The following officers were installed for the ensuing Masonic year, to-wit:

A. I. Roach, Worshipful Master; D. C. Lassiter, Senior Warden; O. E. Smith, Junior Warden; H. C. Venters, Treasurer; George H. Cole, Secretary; Isaac Gardner, Senior Deacon; W. C. Purser, Junior Deacon; F. A. Gardner, Tiler.

The purpose for which this Special Communication was called having been accomplished, and no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in form.

RICHARD WILLIAMS,  
*Acting Grand Master.*

W. L. BROWN,  
*Acting Grand Secretary.*

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MOUNT OLIVE, N. C., April 11, 1906.

**A**T a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, held in the lodge room of Mount Olive Lodge, No. 208, A. F. & A. M., there were present:

BRO. W. F. ENGLISH.....	Acting Worshipful Grand Master
“ W. C. STEELE.....	Acting Deputy Grand Master
“ MAX HARRIS.....	Acting Senior Grand Warden
“ H. W. WESTBROOK.....	Acting Junior Grand Warden
“ C. F. SOUTHERLAND.....	Acting Senior Grand Deacon
“ J. H. CARR.....	Acting Junior Grand Deacon
“ M. O. SUMMERLIN.....	Acting Grand Treasurer
“ B. A. SUMMERLIN.....	Acting Grand Secretary
“ LOUIS COHEN.....	Acting Senior Grand Steward
“ R. E. WOOTEN.....	Acting Junior Grand Steward
“ REV. J. T. ALBRITTON.....	Acting Grand Chaplain
“ E. F. HICKS.....	Acting Grand Tiler

Other brethren present were: W. T. Smith, J. H. Anderson, C. B. Price, Past Master; J. C. O'Berry, J. C. Edwards, F. G. Hines, M. B. Outlaw, Rodney Knowles, J. B. Oliver, Past Master; R. J. Southerland, Jr., J. A. Royal, W. C. Steele, Past Master.

Visiting brethren present were: J. E. Peterson, from Wayne Lodge, No. 112; Louis Cohen, from Wayne Lodge, No. 112; and L. C. McCullen, from Falling Creek Lodge.

The Special Communication was called for the purpose of laying corner stone of the graded school building of Mount Olive.

Telegram was read by Bro. W. C. Steele, from Grand Master Winston, authorizing the officers of Mount Olive Lodge, No. 208, A. F. & A. M., in the absence of any of the officers of the Grand Lodge, to perform the duties required for the occasion; whereupon the Grand Lodge was opened in form, and proceeded to the building, where the forms and ceremonies required by the Grand Lodge were fully complied with; and the Grand Lodge then returned to the hall of Mount Olive Lodge, No. 208, A. F. & A. M., and Lodge was closed in form.

W. F. ENGLISH,

*Acting Grand Master.*

B. A. SUMMERLIN,

*Acting Grand Secretary.*

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**T**HE Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of North Carolina, met in Special Communication at Hamlet, N. C., on Thursday, April 19, 1906, at 3:30 P. M., in the hall of Hamlet Lodge, No. 532, Hamlet, N. C., and was opened in form.

The purpose of the meeting was for laying the corner stone of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Hamlet, N. C.

The following Grand Officers were present:

R. W. C. CROWELL.....	as Grand Master
" J. S. BISHOP.....	as Deputy Grand Master
" I. L. MOORE.....	as Senior Grand Warden
" H. F. KINSMAN.....	as Junior Grand Warden
" B. F. MCLEAN.....	as Grand Treasurer
" J. F. BISHOP.....	as Grand Secretary
W. REV. E. MCWHORTER.....	as Grand Chaplain
" T. R. HELMS.....	as Senior Grand Deacon
" W. L. CRIDDLEBAUGH.....	as Junior Grand Deacon
" W. N. EVERETT.....	as Grand Steward

W. W. T. WICKER ..... as Grand Steward  
 " W. J. GOLLOWAY ..... as Grand Tiler  
 " D. C. NICHOLSON ..... as Grand Marshal

The following lodges were represented:

Roberdel, No. 507; Maxton, No. 417; Queen City (Ala.), No. 256; Monroe, No. 244; Henrico Union (Va.), No. 130; Rockingham, No. 495.

The Lodge proceeded in procession from the lodge room to church building, where the corner stone was laid in due form.

It then returned to place of opening and closed in form.

W. C. CROWELL,

*Acting Grand Master.*

J. F. BISHOP,

*Acting Grand Secretary.*

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THE Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of North Carolina, convened in Special Communication at the Masonic Temple, at Wilmington, N. C., Tuesday evening, April 19, 1906, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

Grand Lodge Officers present:

M. W. FRANCIS D. WINSTON ..... Grand Master  
 R. W. C. H. ROBINSON ..... as Deputy Grand Master  
 " W. D. McMILLAN ..... as District Deputy Grand Master  
 " M. S. WILLARD ..... as Senior Grand Warden  
 " W. B. MCKOY ..... as Junior Grand Warden  
 " R. W. PRICE ..... as Grand Treasurer  
 " C. C. BROWN ..... as Grand Secretary  
 W. REV. F. N. SKINNER ..... Grand Chaplain  
 " C. F. MACRAE ..... as Senior Grand Deacon  
 " C. L. MEISTER ..... as Junior Grand Deacon  
 " CHAS. McMILLAN ..... as Grand Architect  
 " W. A. WILLIAMS ..... as Grand Marshal  
 " R. C. DEROSSETT ..... as Grand Sword Bearer

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W. J. W. MURCHISON.....	as Grand Pursuivant
" J. S. McEACHERN.....	as Grand Steward
" W. B. COOPER.....	as Grand Steward
" W. P. MONROE.....	as Grand Tiler

The following lodges were represented:

St. Johns, No. 1; Wilmington, No. 319; Orient, No. 395; Belmont, No. 108; Pythagoras, No. 249; Ashpole, No. 528; Rockingham, No. 495; Hiram, No. 40; W. G. Hill, No. 218; Laurinburg, No. 305; Eureka, New Bedford, Mass.; Ostanaula, No. 113, Rome, Ga.; Muncy, No. 299, Penn.; Bristol, No. 74, Bristol, Me.; Solomon, No. 1, Savannah, Ga.; King Solomon, No. 91, Troy, N. Y.; Sapphire, No. 168, Cammillus, N. Y.; Palestine, No. 79, Duluth, Minn.; Winton, No. 327; Charity, No. 5; Hiram, No. 98.

The Grand Master announced the Grand Lodge convened for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the monument to be erected by the Society of Colonial Dames to the memory of the Cape Fear heroes of the Revolution.

The Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9:30 A. M. of April 20th.

9:30 A. M., April 20th. The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

Procession was formed under the direction of the Grand Marshal, and the Lodge proceeded to the intersection of Fourth and Market streets, the site selected by the Society for the location of the monument.

The ceremonies were opened by a brief but impressive and finished address by Grand Master F. D. Winston.

The following deposits were made in a sealed box: List of members of the Colonial Dames Society, their Constitution and By-laws, silver coins of the date 1906, daily newspapers of May 20, 1906, copies of the addresses made during the ceremonies.



The corner stone was laid in due and ancient form according to the rites of Freemasonry.

After a choice selection of vocal music, rendered by the Masonic Quartette, a brief address was delivered by Col. A. M. Waddell, Mayor, the benediction pronounced by Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, Bishop of the Eastern Diocese of North Carolina, and the Grand Lodge returned to the Masonic Temple.

The officers and large attendance of brethren learned with deep regret of the illness of our esteemed Grand Tiler, Brother R. H. Bradley, and by a rising unanimous vote instructed the Grand Secretary to convey to him sincere sympathy and hopes for speedy recovery.

The minutes were read and approved and the Grand Lodge closed in ample form.

FRANCIS D. WINSTON,

*Grand Master.*

C. C. BROWN,

*Acting Grand Secretary.*

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**T**HE Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Carolina, convened in regular Annual Communication at Masonic Hall, on the Asylum grounds, in the town of Oxford, Saturday morning, at 11 o'clock, June 23rd, A. D. 1906, and was opened in ample form by Most Worshipful Francis D. Winston, Grand Master, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

Prayer by Acting Grand Chaplain.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. F. D. WINSTON ..... Grand Master  
R. W. W. B. BALLOU ..... as Deputy Grand Master

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R. W. P. T. FARRABOW.....	as Senior Grand Warden
“ WM. B. MCKOY.....	Junior Grand Warden
“ J. E. BURROUGHS.....	as Grand Treasurer
“ WM. W. WILLSON.....	as Grand Secretary
W. J. J. CARDEN.....	as Grand Chaplain
“ M. L. WINSTON.....	as Grand Lecturer
“ F. R. HARRIS.....	as Senior Grand Deacon
“ HENRY TAYLOR.....	as Junior Grand Deacon
“ M. BLAYLOCK.....	as Grand Marshal
“ L. M. CHAFFIN.....	as Grand Sword Bearer
“ MACK BRAGG.....	as Grand Pursuivant
“ R. W. HOBGOOD.....	as Grand Steward
“ W. L. ROBARDS.....	as Grand Steward
“ HENDERSON BETTS.....	as Grand Tiler

Past Grand Officer present: B. S. Royster, Past Grand Master.

The following lodges were represented:

Charity, No. 5; Johnston-Caswell, No. 10; Hiram, No. 40; King Solomon, No. 56; Fellowship, No. 84; Western Star, No. 91; Neuse, No. 97; Perquimans, No. 106; Palmyra, No. 147; Adoniram, No. 149; Knap of Reeds, No. 158; Sandy Creek, No. 185; Berea, No. 204; Eno, No. 210; William G. Hill, No. 218; Henderson, No. 229; Shiloh, No. 250; Wilmington, No. 319; Black Creek, No. 330; Durham, No. 352; Mars Hill, No. 370; Granville, No. 380; Tally Ho, No. 393; Oxford, No. 396; University, No. 408; Henry F. Grainger, No. 412; Creedmoor, No. 499 and Widow's Son, No. 519.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master announced that the communication was held for the usual purpose of observing the ceremonies incident to St. John's Day.

The Grand Marshal formed the procession and the Grand Lodge proceeded in a body to the Asylum grounds, where the following programme was rendered:

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Song—"Building," by the children.

Address of Welcome by Gen. B. S. Royster.

Response by Hon. N. B. Broughton.

Song—"Old North State," by the children.

(Audience requested to unite in chorus.)

Introduction of orator of the day by Hon. F. D. Winston,  
Grand Master.

ADDRESS BY COL. SOLOMON GALLERT.

*Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen:*

This is Saint John's Day. It was one of the most joyous festivals of the middle ages and was celebrated on midsummer eve. It was observed in all of the countries of Europe. Fires were kindled, chiefly in the streets and market places of the towns; sometimes they were blessed by the parish priest, and prayer and praise offered until they had burned out; but, as a rule, the celebrations were secular in character and conducted by the laity alone. The young people leaped over the flames, or threw flowers and garlands into them, with merry shoutings; songs and dances were also a frequent accompaniment. At a comparatively late period the very highest personages took part in these festivities. From the very earliest period of its existence the festival was dedicated to St. John the Baptist, and we are told that in England the people, on the eve of St. John's day, were accustomed to go into the woods and break down branches of the trees, which they brought to their homes and planted over their doors, amid great demonstrations of joy, to make good the prophecy respecting the Baptist—that many should rejoice at his birth. This custom was universal in England until the comparatively recent change in manners. Some of the superstitions connected with St. John's eve are of a highly fanciful nature. The Irish believed that the souls of all people on this night would leave their bodies and wander to the place,

by land or sea, where death shall finally separate them from the tenement of clay. Such were the ancient festivities of St. John's Day.

For some time past, through the change of manners and customs among the people of the civilized world and by reason of the growing influence of Freemasonry, the day has been set apart as a Masonic festival, and, throughout the world, where Freemasonry has shed its rays of light, civilization and morality, the day has been set apart as a festival of rational joy, for the inculcation of social development and the celebration of practical charity—prominent teachings of the patron saint for whom the day is named. Our Grand Lodge meets here annually in order that the brethren, having witnessed the glorious work accomplished at the Oxford Orphan Asylum, may return to their homes imbued with more earnest enthusiasm for the institution and more exalted ideas of the Fraternity. The demonstration of practical charity which is here observed cannot but be a source of pride to every Mason, and an incentive to spread among one's neighbors the lessons of friendship, morality and brotherly love. And that is why we are here today—to celebrate this joyous festival with the children of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

I am deeply sensible of the great honor conferred upon me in the invitation to speak to you today. To me it is a new experience—trying to address such a large assemblage, under the affecting inspiration of the great institution upon whose grounds these exercises are held. But one subject presents itself to me—only one—the Universality of Masonry—yet what an extensive subject it is!

Three thousand years ago a band of “cunning workmen,” from the neighboring city of Tyre, under the patronage of the wise King of Israel, erected upon Mount Moriah a mighty temple, whose splendid and unrivaled perfection, and whose grandeur and sublimity have been the admiration and theme of all succeeding ages. This temple was the masterpiece of an organization whose principles and

teachings, and whose unequalled skill and ability have commanded the respect of the wisest men of every period. After the completion of King Solomon's Temple and the erection of other temples and palaces throughout Judea, and after having built edifices of strength and beauty in Azor, Gozarra and Palmyra, which were triumphs of architectural genius, these "cunning workmen," having passed through the Essenian associations and the mystic halls of the "Collegia Artificium" of Rome, burst upon the "dark ages" of the world like a bright star peering through a black cloud, and, under the patronage of the church, produced those splendid monuments of genius which set at defiance the highest attainments of modern art.

Until about the year 1717 Masonry continued an operative fraternity, producing in England and upon the continent those grand and unapproachable specimens of art which are the pride of Europe and the admiration of the traveler. But, it is no longer an operative association. We of this day, as Masons, make no pretensions of extraordinary skill in the sciences. Very few of us—accomplished Masons as we may be—would willingly undertake to erect another temple on Mount Moriah. It is certain that our own honored Most Worshipful Grand Master—expert and capable as all his brethren acknowledge him to be—would hesitate a long time before consenting to assume the duties of architect for another temple. At the reorganization of the Craft, and the establishment of the present Grand Lodge of England in 1717, Masonry laid aside its operative character, and with it all pretensions to extraordinary skill in architectural science. The Order then became a purely moral and benevolent association, whose great aim is the development and cultivation of the moral sentiment, the social principle, and the benevolent affections, a higher reverence for God and a warmer love for man. New laws and regulations, adapted to the changed condition of the Institution, were then adopted—an entire revolution in its governmental policy took place, order and system obtained where neither

had previously existed, and England became the great central point of Masonry for the whole world.

From this source have lodges at various times been established in all parts of the civilized world—in France and Switzerland; in Prussia, Holland, Belgium, Saxony, Hanover, Sweden, Denmark, Russia and Poland; in various parts of Asia; in Turkey; in Syria; in Bengal, Bombay, Madras; in China; in various parts of Africa, as at the Cape of Good Hope, on the Gambia and on the Nile; in all of the larger islands of the Pacific and Indian Oceans, as at Ceylon, Sumatra, St. Helena, Mauritius, Madagascar, the Sandwich Islands; in all the principal cities and towns of Australia; in Greece; in Algeria; in Tunis; in Morocco, and wherever else in the Old World the genius of civilization has obtained a foothold; in all of the West Indies and in various parts of South America; in Mexico; in all the British possessions of North America; in our own country Masonic lodges are established in every State, Territory and dependency.

Masonry is indeed an universal institution. History does not furnish its parallel. It exists where Christianity has not gone; and its claims will be respected even where the superior claims of religion would fail. It is never obscured by the darkness of night. The eye of day is always upon it. Its footprints are to be traced in the most distant regions and in the remotest ages of the earth. Among all civilized people its existence is recognized. It came to our shores at an auspicious period, and it was here rocked in the cradle of liberty by a Washington, a Franklin, a Hancock, and a Warren. Unaffected by the tempests of war, the storms of persecution, or the denunciations of fanaticism, it still stands proudly erect in the sunshine and clear light of heaven, with not a marble fractured, not a pillar fallen. It still stands, like some patriarchal monarch of the forest, with its vigorous roots riveted to the solid, and its broad limbs spread in bold outline against the sky; and in generations yet to come, as in ages past, the sunlight



of honor and renown will delight to linger and play amid its venerable branches.

An Institution of great antiquity, almost of immemorial tradition, it is known and practiced in every country, in every clime, in every race of civilized men, and has associated itself with human sympathies and charitable institutions. While in these modern times it has changed its character in some respects, it has lost nothing which can claim the respect of men. Although, through the dim periods of the Middle Ages, it carved its records upon the public buildings of Europe, upon the tracery of the cathedral windows, and the ornamentation of palaces; now, it is content to devote itself to works of sympathy and charity, and in them finds its highest praise and reward. It has allied itself with social order, with the great institutions of the country and above all with the Great Republic, the crowning institution of all.

Having thus, in my feeble ability, followed the custom of talking upon some subject pertaining to Masonry, I want to crave your indulgence a while longer, that I may present some suggestions which the inspirations of the day force upon me. No man can visit this great Orphan Asylum and witness the scenes of today with undimmed eyes. The happiness one feels at the sight of these little children—wards of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina—and the knowledge that Freemasonry has provided care, attention, training, education and a home for these fatherless and homeless children, brings to the eyes of the bravest man tears of joy, and to his lips prayers of thanksgiving and praise. But, as I look upon these children endowed with the watchful care of the Order, my thoughts go out to the old Mason, who, having spent his days of strength and vigor in upbuilding the great Institution, in his declining days finds himself bereft of fortune, deprived of health and failing in strength. I am reminded that our Grand Lodge has provided a plan for building the great Masonic Temple at Raleigh, by which the revenue derived from that build-



ing can and will be applied to the erection, support and maintenance of a Home for Indigent Masons, their widows and daughters, provided the brethren throughout the State subscribe a mere pittance of two dollars every year for a period of five years. The sum of two dollars every year! Sixteen and two-thirds cents every month!! Just a little more than one-half cent every day!!! for the period of five years. Is there a Mason within the sound of my voice who can look upon the work of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, see its magnificent results, and still refuse to contribute one-half cent per day for a period of five years in order to provide for our old brethren, their widows and daughters, a home and protection and care? If there is, then, according to Masonic lights before, I have misinterpreted the lessons and teachings of Masonry, as well as their effect upon the members of the Fraternity.

God grant that our hearts may melt with pity for the friendless old Mason, as he stretches out his hand to the strong right arm of Masonry, and looks with lingering and tearful eyes into the face of the great brotherhood that he still loves and cherishes, and mutely pleads for a door through which he may enter to escape the frosts and storms of winter and the prostrating heat of summer. Let us build a home where the sunshine of love and loyalty may surround and cheer him, as the gentle flowers are cherished and nourished by the gentle dews of heaven. Let us think seriously about this grand enterprise, let us give to it our sanction and support, and when success shall crown our efforts the world will be better for our having lived in it; the world will have more confidence in our professed charity: and sweeter and more precious still, when we go home, we will feel so much better for having done our duty, and generations yet unborn will rise up and call us blessed.

Undoubtedly every Mason present knows the plan of the Grand Lodge I have referred to, and has seen the cards which have been sent out by the Grand Secretary. I trust that every Mason present today has signed one or more of

those cards. If, however, there are those present who have not signed a subscription card to the Masonic Temple fund under the home for aged Masons plan, or those present who have signed but feel that they ought to sign more of them, I hope they will, on this day, the most appropriate of the year, subscribe as they may feel able to this most worthy undertaking.

To this Masonic Home, in the succeeding years, will come, as to a haven of peace and rest and comfort, many a weary, sorrowing and afflicted brother, and there he will find the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment and the oil of joy. There are others for whom in their misfortune the great heart of our Fraternity beats with deepest sympathy. There are the widows of our brethren, who have seen the strong arm that once shielded and protected them laid low, and the manly form of a beloved husband borne away to final rest. Destitute and dependent, they too shall have an abiding place in our home, where the care and comfort which they need and the sympathy and consolation which they crave will be theirs during the remainder of life.

Another suggestion is inspired by the presence of so many women today. Soon after assuming his office, our Most Worshipful Grand Master did me the honor to appoint me Deputy Grand Master for the Masonic district in which I reside. In considering what I could do for the most good of Masonry in my Masonic district, I came to the conclusion that the "good of the Order" and the best interests of Masonry could best be subserved by interesting the wives, daughters and sweethearts of Masons in the social, benevolent and charitable work of the Order. My suggestion of this to the various lodges in my district met with a hearty response, and the plan suggested was the establishment of a chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star at every point where a Masonic lodge was situated in the district. And this matter is so much suggested by the sight of these women here today, that I want to suggest that such a

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course, in my opinion, would be of value to the Fraternity all over the State. Being an unmarried man myself, perhaps I am at liberty to say more upon this particular subject than any other man present, because, from appearances, I can say almost without hesitancy that I am the only old bachelor on the hill. Although I have never joined the Eastern Star, I have had occasion to observe its good influence upon Masonry where active chapters have been established. In addition to my observations I know that no man can stand in the presence of a pure, sweet woman without becoming a better individual; and no organization, such as ours, can feel woman's influence without being benefitted. What woman is to the home, the Eastern Star can and ought to be to Masonry. Man is essentially a social being, and where can he find closer companions or warmer friends than among the Masonic brothers and sisters? God never designed a Masonic lodge to be four walls, with closely drawn curtains filled with foul, musty air. Roll up the curtains and let God's sweet sunshine kiss the East, West and South. Raise the windows and let God's pure air blow the dust of months from the altar and Holy Writings. Let its floor resound with the stately tread of strong men's feet; let the room be glorified and love-lighted by the presence and influence of pure, sweet womanhood, and let the roof and rafters echo and resound with the ring of childhood's happy laugh. In just so much as this is done are you living up to the privileges and enjoyments of present civilization. It is the encouragement of social virtues that I would have prominently instilled into the community of every Masonic lodge, and by what better agency than interesting the good women in those features of the work in which that object can be attained. The establishment of chapters of the Eastern Star, the mutual relations which such chapters should bear to the Masonic lodges and the social intercourse which would result therefrom would make the task of Freemasonry lighter and more agreeable, and would tend to more clearly demonstrate the universality of Masonry.

And the erection of the Masonic Home, as well as other praiseworthy objects of Masonry's benevolence and charity, would be more quickly realized.

Woman has always been the symbol of all that was good and pure and soul-inspiring in every organization. A prominent Mason, in one of our sister States, has thus eloquently symbolized Masonry: "If I were a sculptor, I would chisel into exquisite and enduring marble the colossal figure of a perfect woman. I would put the light of kindness in her eyes, the smile of heaven upon her lips, and the warmth of sympathy in her cheeks. I would cut into her shining face the sympathy of a thousand hearts, and with an artist's touch I would give her brow the mien and cast of Sovereign Love. In her great, her gentle, her protecting arms, I would have her, in symbolic figure, encircling the heavy laden of the earth, and drawing in tenderness on her heaving bosom. On the pedestal of that great symbol I would burn in the chaste marble, in letters of living fire, those words which have been familiar to all ages, and which now encircle the cycles of time, 'Freemasonry.'" This is to my mind very beautiful, but if I were that sculptor, I would, as Pygmalion did, breathe into that perfected woman of marble the breath of life and I would let that "light of kindness," "smile of heaven" and "warmth of sympathy" pervade Masonry wherever woman may go. I would let it be a beacon to Masonry and an encouragement of the noble virtues taught by the Order.

At the conclusion of Brother Gallert's address, Brother E. B. Cozart, in behalf of the ladies of Granville County, presented to Brother Gallert in well chosen and eloquent words a handsome bouquet of flowers.

After the song "The Oxford Home" by the children, the Grand Lodge returned to the lodge room.

Brother Betts expressed to the Grand Lodge the love of Brother R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler, for Masonry and the

Grand Lodge and his regret at not being able to be present today.

Past Grand Master Royster offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge has learned with deep regret of the serious illness of Worshipful R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler, which prevents his attendance upon this communication; and whereas we are desirous of expressing our sympathy for our worthy brother in his distress, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we tender to Brother Bradley our most sincere fraternal sympathy in his affliction and pray our Great Grand Master above to grant him a speedy recovery.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to Brother Bradley under the seal of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Royster offered the following resolution, and it was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, 1st, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are justly due and are hereby tendered Brother S. Gallert for his eloquent and inspiring address.

2nd, That he be requested to furnish copy of his address for publication in the minutes.

The minutes were read and approved.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

F. D. WINSTON,

*Grand Master.*

WILLIAM W. WILLSON,

*Assistant Grand Secretary.*

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THE Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in Special Communication, in Harmony Hall, in the City of Kinston, N. C., on Thursday, June 27, 1906, at 10:30 o'clock, A. M., and was

opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. FRANCIS D. WINSTON .....	Grand Master
" W. B. MCKOY .....	Deputy Grand Master
" JOHN W. CAMERON .....	as Senior Grand Warden
" J. W. P. SMITHWICK .....	as Junior Grand Warden
" J. W. BLACK .....	as Grand Treasurer
" GEO. TURNER .....	as Grand Secretary
" J. W. ROWELL .....	as Grand Lecturer
W. HENRY CUNNINGHAM .....	as Grand Chaplain
" R. B. DUNN .....	as Senior Grand Deacon
" R. WILLIAMS .....	as Junior Grand Deacon
" J. R. ROUNTREE .....	as Grand Marshal
" S. H. ROUNTREE .....	as Grand Sword Bearer
" F. C. DUNN .....	as Grand Pursuivant
" E. R. FORD .....	as Grand Steward
" R. H. HILL .....	as Grand Steward
" H. C. BAILEY .....	as Grand Tiler

Past Grand Officers present: J. W. Cotten and John Nichols, Past Grand Masters; S. H. Rountree, Past Grand Senior Warden.

The following lodges were represented:

St. John's, No. 4; Monroe, No. 244; Durham, No. 352; Mt. Olive, No. 208; Falling Creek, No. 325; Eno, No. 210; Farmville, No. 517; St. John's, No. 1; Charity, No. 5; Kenly, No. 257; Oxford, No. 396; Eureka, No. 317; Louisburg, No. 413; Orr, No. 104; Jerusalem, No. 95; Mt. Pleasant, No. 8; Franklin, No. 109; Raleigh, No. 500; Hiram, No. 40; Wm. G. Hill, No. 218; Concord, No. 58; Fellowship, No. 84; Ayden, No. 498; Polloksville, No. 175; University, No. 408; Mt. Lebanon, No. 207; Lenoir, No. 233; Shelmerdine, No. 545; Ocean, No. 405; Greenville, No. 284; Winterville, No. 523; Temperance, No. 389; Grifton, No. 452; Vanceboro, No. 433; Fairview, No. 339;



Zion, No. 81; Bayboro, No. 331; Radiance, No. 132; Harmony, No. 340; Warren, No. 101; Joseph Warren, No. 92; Greensboro, No. 76; Pleasant Hill, No. 304; Rountree, No. 243; Seaside, No. 429; Wayne, No. 112; Mingo, No. 406; St. John's, No. 3; LaFayette, No. 83; Wilmington, No. 319; Grimesland, No. 175; Alpine, of South Carolina, No. 208; Aurora, of South Carolina, No. 31; Washington, of South Carolina, No. 5; Eureka, of South Carolina, No. 19; Stella, of New York, No. 485; Biglow, of Ohio, No. 52; Metropolitan, of Virginia, No. 11; Chase City, of Virginia, No. 119; Tidal Wave, of Virginia, No. 273; Landmark, of Maryland, No. 147; Monumental, of Maryland, No. 9; Acacia, of Washington City, No. 18.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master announced that this Special Communication of the Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Robert Bruce McDaniel Memorial Hospital in the City of Kinston.

The procession was then formed under the direction of the Grand Marshal, and the Grand Lodge proceeded in a body to the grand stand erected in the beautifully shaded grounds surrounding the building, where Hon. N. J. Rouse, Mayor of the City of Kinston, delivered an address of welcome to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and was responded to by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Francis D. Winston. The Grand Officers then, in a body, proceeded to the Northeast corner of the hospital building, where was laid the corner stone in due and ancient form, according to the rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry.

Invocation by Rev. H. Cunningham, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Officers then returned and were seated on the grand stand, and the orator of the day, Gov. R. B.



Glenn, was introduced to the vast throng of people present. His subject was Masonry, and he held the vast audience spell bound for one and a half hours. Then the benediction by the Grand Chaplain.

The Lodge then returned to the hall, and no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

FRANCIS D. WINSTON,

*Grand Master.*

GEO. TURNER,

*Acting Grand Secretary.*

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THE Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of North Carolina, convened in Special Communication at the hall of Lebanon Lodge, No. 391, Hope Mills, N. C., July 4, 1906, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and opened in ample form. The purpose of the meeting was the laying of the corner stone of the building of Lebanon Lodge, No. 391.

Grand Officers present:

M.:W.:F. D. WINSTON.....	Grand Master
R.:W.:J. F. MUSELWHITE.....	as Deputy Grand Master
" D. A. MCNEILL .....	as Senior Grand Warden
" B. T. MCBRYDE .....	as Junior Grand Warden
" W. D. CAMPBELL.....	as Grand Treasurer
" J. H. MCPHAIL .....	as Grand Secretary
W.:REV. DAILEY.....	as Grand Chaplain
" J. C. CULBRETH.....	as Senior Grand Deacon
" W. F. NEWTON.....	as Junior Grand Deacon
" W. A. GAINES.....	as Grand Marshal
" J. L. SMITH.....	as Grand Steward
" J. G. NEWTON.....	as Grand Steward
" JOHN GALES.....	as Grand Tiler

The following lodges were represented:

King Hiram, No. 466; King Solomon, No. 313; Galatia,

No. 305; Kingstree, No. 46, of South Carolina; General Jackson, of Natchez, Miss.

The Lodge proceeded in procession to lower floor, then to corner of building, where corner stone was laid in form. It then returned to place of opening and closed in ample form.

F. D. WINSTON,  
*Grand Master.*

J. H. McPHAIL,  
*Acting Grand Secretary.*

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THE Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Carolina, convened in Special Communication at Masonic Hall, at State Road, N. C., Sept. 7, 1906, at 11:30 o'clock, A. M., and was opened in form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. S. PORTER GRAVES .....	as Grand Master
R. W. C. F. FIELDS.....	as Deputy Grand Master
“ M. H. NORMAN .....	as Senior Grand Warden
“ F. T. SNOW.....	as Junior Grand Warden
“ J. H. T. CALLAWAY.....	as Grand Treasurer
“ N. B. JONES.....	as Grand Secretary
W. A. G. WHITAKER .....	as Senior Grand Deacon
“ J. R. SMITH.....	as Junior Grand Deacon
“ H. D. WOODRUFF.....	as Grand Tiler
“ REV. F. M. WELBORN.....	as Grand Chaplain
“ J. F. BURCHAM.....	as Grand Steward
“ J. W. MOUNCE.....	as Grand Steward

The following lodges were represented:

State Road, No. 540; Elkin, No. 454; Rusk, No. 456; Rockyford, No. 430; Buggaboo, No. 490; Sparta, No. 422; Granite, No. 322; Clingman, No. 440; Pleasant Mount, No. 441; Zephyr, U. D.

The acting Grand Master then announced that the Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge was called for the purpose of laying the corner stone of State Road Lodge, No. 540, also the new Methodist Episcopal church. The procession was formed and the Grand Lodge proceeded to the new hall and church, where the corner stone was laid with the beautiful Masonic ceremonies.

Refreshment for one hour, and the audience feasted on many good things to their satisfaction. After which Brother S. Porter Graves delivered a very strong and able Masonic address.

After which the Grand Lodge closed in due form.

S. PORTER GRAVES,

*Acting Grand Master.*

N. B. JONES,

*Acting Grand Secretary.*

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THE Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of North Carolina, convened in Special Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Andrews, N. C., at 10:30 o'clock, A. M., on Saturday, October 27, 1906, and was opened in form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. DIST. DEP. M. W. BELL .....	as Grand Master
R. W. D. S. RUSSELL .....	as Deputy Grand Master
" BEN POSEY .....	as Senior Grand Warden
" E. G. HENNEMAN .....	as Junior Grand Warden
" A. J. PHILLIPS .....	as Grand Treasurer
" W. S. GREEN .....	as Grand Secretary
W. C. E. WOOD .....	as Senior Grand Deacon
" C. D. MAYFIELD .....	as Junior Grand Deacon
" T. F. DEITZ .....	as Grand Chaplain
" E. B. NORVELL .....	as Grand Marshal

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W. H. S. STEWART.....	as Grand Steward
" STEPHEN PORTER.....	as Grand Steward
" H. B. ELLIOTT.....	as Grand Architect
" J. S. CARTER.....	as Bearer of the Great Lights
" W. Y. JONES.....	as Grand Tiler

The following lodges were represented:

Andrews, No. 509; Cherokee, No. 146; Oconee, No. 427; Marble Spring, No. 439; Lone Oak, No. 449; Clay, No. 301.

District Deputy Grand Master M. W. Bell explained the object of this Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge to be for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Andrews graded school, with Masonic ceremonies, and invited Brother M. C. S. Noble to take charge of the ceremonies. A procession was then formed under the direction of the Grand Marshal and the Grand Lodge proceeded in a body to the site of the proposed building of the graded school, where the corner stone was laid in due and ancient form, according to the rites of Freemasonry. Andrews Council, No. —, Junior Order United American Mechanics; Cheoah Lodge, No. 152, Knights of Pythias, and Andrews Lodge, No. —, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in regalia and uniform acting as escort for the Grand Lodge.

A programme was carried out as follows:

Song—"Old North State."

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The corner stone was then tested by the square, level and plumb, and declared to be perfect. It is then covered with corn, wine and oil as emblems of blessings.

Deposits—Constitution and By-laws of K. of P.; Constitution and By-laws of I. O. O. F.; Holy Bible and National Flag by Jr. O. U. A. M.; Rules and Regulations of Public School System of North Carolina; Code and By-laws of A. F. & A. M.

Declaration by Brother M. C. S. Noble.

Song—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Address—On the origin, beauties and benefits of Masonry by Brother M. W. Bell, acting Grand Master; at the conclusion of which the assembled multitude united with the brethren in singing "My Country 'tis of Thee."

The public ceremonies having been completed, the benediction was pronounced by the Grand Chaplain, and the Grand Lodge returned to the Masonic Hall and was closed in form.

DIST. DEP. M. W. BELL,

*Acting Grand Master.*

W. S. GREEN,

*Acting Grand Secretary.*

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**T**HE Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Carolina, convened in Special Communication at Masonic Hall, in the City of Winston, on Thursday, November 8th, A. D., 1906, at 3:30 o'clock, P. M., and was opened in form.

It appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. JAS. K. NORFLEET.....	as Grand Master
R. W. J. D. LAUGENOUR.....	as Deputy Grand Master
" LEON CASH.....	as Senior Grand Warden
" C. F. BAHNSON.....	as Junior Grand Warden
" D. P. MAST.....	as Grand Treasurer
" O. B. EATON.....	as Grand Secretary
W. JAS. J. CARDEN.....	as Grand Chaplain
" F. G. SCHAU.....	as Grand Architect
" C. M. VANSTORY.....	as Senior Grand Deacon
" S. E. BUTNER.....	as Junior Grand Deacon
" F. S. VERNAY.....	as Grand Marshal
" W. C. BROWN.....	as Grand Sword Bearer

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" GEO. W. MARTIN.....	as Grand Pursuivant
" GEO. S. NORFLEET.....	Grand Steward
" H. A. PFOHL.....	as Grand Steward
" H. C. MCCADDEN.....	as Grand Tiler

The following lodges were represented:

Corinthian, No. 542; Farmington, No. 265; Greensboro, No. 76; Eno, No. 210; Madison, U. D.; Mocksville, No. 134; Salem, No. 289; Hickory, No. 343; Phalanx, No. 31; West Bend, No. 434; Statesville, No. 487; Wilkesboro, No. 45; Watauga, No. 273; Leaksville, No. 136; Roanoke, No. 203; Winston, No. 167.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master announced that the Special Communication of the Grand Lodge had been called for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Temple, in the City of Winston, North Carolina.

The procession was formed under the direction of the Grand Marshal, and the Grand Lodge proceeded in a body to the Temple building, where the corner stone was laid in due and ancient form, according to the rites and ceremonies of Freemasonry.

The following interesting programme was carried out:

"The First Home of Winston Lodge, No. 167. Corner Stone Laid November 3, 1860."—Col. J. W. Alspaugh.

"The First Master of Winston Lodge, Peter A. Wilson."—Rev. H. A. Brown, D. D.

"The Second Home of Winston Lodge. Corner Stone Laid July 12, 1882."—P. H. Hanes, Sr.

"Depositing Roll of Winston Lodge, No. 167."—J. D. Laugenour, W. M.

"Depositing Roll of Winston Chapter."—W. E. Franklin, H. P.

"Depositing Roll of Piedmont Commandery."—W. J. Roberts, E. C.

"Laying of Corner Stone by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina."

The ceremony having been completed the Grand Lodge returned to Masonic Hall.

It was then announced that the third degree would be exemplified by Winston Lodge, No. 167, at 7:45 o'clock, after which the brethren were invited to partake of an elegant banquet at Hotel Zinzendorf, given in honor of the Grand Officers and other visiting brethren.

The acting Grand Master stated that it was a source of deep regret to Winston Lodge that more of the Grand Officers could not be with us on this important occasion.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in form.

J. K. NORFLEET,  
*Acting Grand Master.*

O. B. EATON,  
*Acting Grand Secretary.*

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**A** SPECIAL Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was held at Red Springs, N. C., on November 8th, A. L. 5906, A. D. 1906, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Presbyterian church.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. B. W. HATCHER.....	as Grand Master
R. W. DR. N. A. THOMPSON .....	as Deputy Grand Master
“ J. S. JONES.....	as Senior Grand Warden
“ W. H. MCLAURIN .....	as Junior Grand Warden
“ DR. J. L. McMILLAN.....	as Grand Treasurer
“ REV. P. R. LAW.....	as Grand Secretary
W. R. F. CURRIE.....	as Senior Grand Deacon
“ J. F. BROWN .....	as Junior Grand Deacon
“ W. E. TIDDY .....	as Senior Grand Steward
“ F. K. WATSON .....	as Junior Grand Steward
“ REV. J. A. SMITH.....	as Grand Chaplain
“ J. C. SNODDY.....	as Grand Lecturer



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W. C. B. CAMPBELL.....	as Grand Pursuivant
“ DR. B. F. McMILLAN .....	as Grand Sword Bearer
“ J. P. SCHMAHL .....	as Grand Architect
“ L. M. COOK.....	as Grand Marshal
“ W. D. TERRY.....	as Grand Tiler

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form in the hall of Red Springs Lodge, No. 501. Fifteen lodges were represented. The purpose of the meeting being announced by the Grand Master, the Grand Marshal proceeded to form the procession as follows: 1st, the Grand Lodge; 2nd, the members and students of the Sunday-school of the Presbyterian church; 3rd, the faculty and students of the Southern Presbyterian College and Conservatory of Music; 4th, the North Carolina Military Academy. The procession was long, the order specially good, and the scene was impressive to all present. The services at the church were as follows:

Doxology.

Invocation by Rev. P. R. Law.

Hymn—“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.”

Reading Scripture lesson by the pastor, Rev. R. W. Jopling.

Depositing the corner stone.

Hymn—“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken.”

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Chief Architect passes implements to the Grand Master.

Hymn—“The Church's one Foundation.”

The stone is tested by the square, plumb and level.

The stone is covered with corn, wine and oil, as emblems of blessings.

Hymn—“May Those who err, be Guided Here.”

Invocation by the Grand Master.

Public Grand Honors given.

Grand Master addresses the assembly.

After which the procession was again formed and marched to the college auditorium, where another large audience awaited the conclusion of the day's exercises, with a voluntary by the choir.

Oration by the Grand Orator, Prof. J. B. Carlyle.

Hymn—"Nearer, My God, to Thee."

Benediction by the pastor, Rev. R. W. Jopling.

The procession then returned to the grove near the church, where the ladies had prepared an excellent dinner. All shared and properly appreciated the sumptuous feast of good things.

The Grand Lodge closed in due form.

B. W. HATCHER,

*Acting Grand Master.*

REV. P. R. LAW,

*Acting Grand Secretary.*

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**T**HE Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in Special Communication in the auditorium of the graded school building in the Town of Maxton, North Carolina, Tuesday morning, at 10:30 o'clock, November 27th, A. D. 1906, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges were represented.

The following regular and appointed Grand Officers were present:

M. W. FRANCIS D. WINSTON.....	Grand Master
R. W. O. C. NICHOLSON.....	as Deputy Grand Master
" W. H. McLAURIN .....	as Senior Grand Warden
" J. M. POPE.....	as Junior Grand Warden
" REV. E. McWHORTER .....	as Grand Treasurer
" A. S. WEBB .....	as Grand Secretary
W. J. W. ROBBINS.....	as Grand Tiler
" NEIL SMITH.....	as Senior Grand Deacon
" P. A. McCORMAC.....	as Junior Grand Deacon
" L. M. COOK.....	as Grand Marshal
" FRANK CURRIE.....	as Grand Steward
" J. WILLIAM CURRIE .....	as Grand Steward

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W. REV. I. E. McDAVID.....	as Grand Chaplain
“ B. W. HATCHER.....	Grand Lecturer
“ W. G. HALL.....	as Bearer of the Great Lights
“ J. T. POOL.....	as Grand Sword Bearer
“ H. W. McNATT.....	as Grand Pursuivant

The following lodges were represented:

Charity, No. 5; Red Springs, No. 501; South Carolina, No. 77; Archer, No. 165; Ashpole, No. 335; Durbin, No. 266; Laurinburg, No. 305; Passaic, N. Y., No. 67; Hiram, No. 40; Maxton, No. 417; Lebanon, No. 391; Phoenix, No. 8; McColl, S. C., No. 43.

The Grand Master announced that the Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was called for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now in course of construction at this place.

The procession was formed by acting Grand Marshal L. M. Cook. The procession was led by the Maxton Guards, followed by the graded school children and citizens of Maxton. They proceeded to the building, and there performed the beautiful Masonic ceremony of laying the corner stone.

On return to the auditorium, Grand Master Francis D. Winston delivered a learned and beautiful address to the large audience there assembled. Grand Lecturer B. W. Hatcher, being introduced, made an able address. The lodge and audience was invited to partake of a bountiful repast, spread on the campus.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

FRANCIS D. WINSTON,  
*Grand Master.*

A. S. WEBB,  
*Acting Grand Secretary.*

## LODGES

Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

NAME.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
St. John's.....	1	Wilmington .....	New Hanover.....
Royal White Heart.....	2	Halifax.....	Halifax.....
St. John's.....	3	Newbern .....	Craven .....
St. John's.....	4	Kinston .....	Lenoir .....
Charity.....	5	Windsor.....	Bertie .....
Unanimity.....	7	Edenton.....	Chowan .....
Phoenix.....	8	Fayetteville .....	Cumberland.....
Johnston-Caswell.....	10	Warrenton.....	Warren .....
American George.....	17	Murfreesboro.....	Hertford.....
Phalanx.....	31	Charlotte.....	Mecklenburg.....
Stokes.....	32	Concord.....	Cabarrus.....
Davie.....	39	Kelford.....	Bertie.....
Hiram.....	40	Raleigh.....	Wake.....
Liberty.....	45	Wilkesboro.....	Wilkes.....
Hall.....	53	Indian Town.....	Currituck.....
King Solomon.....	56	Jackson.....	Northampton.....
Concord.....	58	Tarboro.....	Edgecombe.....
Kilwinning.....	64	Wadesboro.....	Anson.....
Eagle.....	71	Hillsboro.....	Orange.....
Golden Fleece.....	74	Milton.....	Caswell.....
Widow's Son.....	75	Camden Court House.....	Camden.....
Greensboro.....	76	Greensboro.....	Guilford.....
Zion.....	81	Trenton.....	Jones.....
LaFayette.....	83	Jacksonville.....	Onslow.....
Fellowship.....	84	Smithfield.....	Johnston.....
Morning Star.....	85	Nashville.....	Nash.....
Skewarkey.....	90	Williamston.....	Martin.....
Western Star.....	91	Rutherfordton.....	Rutherford.....
Joseph Warren.....	92	Moyton.....	Wilson.....
Jerusalem.....	95	Hookerton.....	Greene.....
Neuse.....	97	Millbrook.....	Wake.....
Hiram.....	98	Clinton.....	Sampson.....
Fulton.....	99	Salisbury.....	Rowan.....
Warren.....	101	Kenansville.....	Duplin.....
Columbus.....	102	Pittsboro.....	Chatham.....
Orr.....	104	Washington.....	Beaufort.....
Perquimans.....	106	Hertford.....	Perquimans.....
Belmont.....	108	Faison.....	Duplin.....
Franklin.....	109	Beaufort.....	Carteret.....
Wayne.....	112	Goldsboro.....	Wayne.....
Person.....	113	Roxboro.....	Person.....
St. Albans.....	114	Lumberton.....	Robeson.....
Holly Springs.....	115	Holly Springs.....	Wake.....
Mount Lebanon.....	117	Wilson.....	Wilson.....
Mount Herman.....	118	Asheville.....	Buncombe.....
Franklinton.....	123	Franklinton.....	Franklin.....

NAME.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Mill Creek	125	Newton Grove	Sampson
Gatesville	126	Gatesville	Gates
Blackmer	127	Mount Gilead	Montgomery
Hanks	128	Franklinsville	Randolph
Madison	129	Madison	Rockingham
Radiance	132	Snow Hill	Greene
Mocksville	134	Mocksville	Davie
Leaksville	136	Leaksville	Rockingham
Lincoln	137	Lincolnton	Lincoln
King Solomon	138	Burgaw	Pender
Carolina	141	Ansonville	Anson
Mount Vernon	143	Ore Hill	Chatham
Junaluska	145	Franklin	Macon
Cherokee	146	Murphy	Cherokee
Palmyra	147	Dunn	Harnett
Adoniram	149	Cornwall	Granville
Chalmers	151	Carbonton	Moore
Scotch-Ireland	154	Cleveland	Rutherford
White Stone	155	Wakefield	Wake
Rolesville	156	Rolesville	Wake
Mount Pleasant	157	Rogers Store	Wake
Knap of Reeds	158	Lyon, R. F. D	Granville
Yadkin	162	Yadkinville	Yadkin
Deep River	164	Coleridge	Randolph
Archer	165	Archer Lodge	Johnston
Winston	167	Winston	Forsyth
Blackmer	170	Weaverville	Buncombe
Buffalo	172	Jonesboro	Moore
George Washington	174	Elm Grove	Chatham
Pollokville	175	Pollokville	Jones
Mecklenburg	176	Davidson	Mecklenburg
Siloam	178	Harrells Store	Sampson
Carthage	181	Carthage	Moore
Sandy Creek	185	Laurel	Franklin
Pine Forest	186	Leaflet	Harnett
Central Cross	187	Hunts	Nash
Balfour	188	Ashboro	Randolph
Fair Bluff	190	Fair Bluff	Columbus
Granite	191	Clayton	Johnston
Burnsville	192	Burnsville	Vancey
Mount Olivet	195	Erect	Randolph
Cherokee	197	Stoneville	Rockingham
Cary	198	Cary	Wake
Cleveland	202	Shelby	Cleveland
Roanoke	203	Weldon	Halifax
Berea	204	Tar River Academy	Granville
Long Creek	205	Huntersville, R. F. D.	Mecklenburg
Mingo	206	Shady Grove	Sampson
Lebanon	207	Whiteville	Columbus
Mount Olive	208	Mount Olive	Wayne
Randleman	209	Randleman	Randolph
Eno	210	Durham	Durham

NAME.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Thomasville .....	214	Thomasville .....	Davidson .....
Catawba Valley .....	217	Morganton .....	Burke .....
William G. Hill .....	218	Raleigh .....	Wake .....
Jefferson .....	219	Jefferson .....	Ashe .....
Wilson .....	226	Olin .....	Iredell .....
Jonesville .....	227	Jonesville .....	Yadkin .....
McCormick .....	228	Mohawk .....	Harnett .....
Henderson .....	229	Henderson .....	Vance .....
Corinthian .....	230	Rocky Mount .....	Nash .....
William T. Bain .....	231	Garner, R. F. D. No. 1 .....	Wake .....
Lenoir .....	233	LaGrange .....	Lenoir .....
Cokesbury .....	235	May .....	Harnett .....
Mystic Tie .....	237	Marion .....	McDowell .....
Atlantic .....	238	Moyock .....	Currituck .....
Rountree .....	243	Gritton (Pitt) .....	Lenoir .....
Monroe .....	244	Monroe .....	Union .....
Catawba .....	248	Newton .....	Catawba .....
Pythagoras .....	249	Southport .....	Brunswick .....
Shiloh .....	250	Stovall .....	Granville .....
Rockford .....	251	Rockford .....	Surry .....
Lily Valley .....	252	Sunbury .....	Gates .....
Lee .....	253	Taylorsville .....	Alexander .....
Oaks .....	255	Saxapahaw .....	Orange .....
Kenly .....	257	Kenly .....	Johnston .....
Harnett .....	258	Chalybeate Springs .....	Harnett .....
Waynesville .....	259	Waynesville .....	Haywood .....
Excelsior .....	261	Charlotte .....	Mecklenburg .....
Hibriten .....	262	Lenoir .....	Caldwell .....
Gaston .....	263	Dallas .....	Gaston .....
Farmington .....	265	Farmington .....	Davie .....
Durbin .....	266	Autryville .....	Sampson .....
Dunn's Rock .....	267	Brevard .....	Transylvania .....
Unaka .....	268	Webster .....	Jackson .....
East Bend .....	269	East Bend .....	Yadkin .....
Tobasco .....	271	Gibsonville .....	Guilford .....
Bingham .....	272	Haw River .....	Alamance .....
Watauga .....	273	Boone .....	Watauga .....
Beaver Dam .....	276	Marshville .....	Union .....
Green Level .....	277	Apex, R. F. D. No. 1 .....	Wake .....
Rehoboth .....	279	Teachays .....	Duplin .....
Wake Forest .....	282	Wake Forest .....	Wake .....
Eureka .....	283	China Grove .....	Rowan .....
Greenville .....	284	Greenville .....	Pitt .....
Flat Creek .....	285	Fall Creek .....	Chatham .....
Cedar Rock .....	286	Cedar Rock .....	Franklin .....
Salem .....	289	Winston-Salem .....	Forsyth .....
French Broad .....	292	Marshall .....	Madison .....
Vance .....	293	Democrat .....	Buncombe .....
Atlantic .....	294	Swanquarter .....	Hyde .....
Stonewall .....	296	Robersonville .....	Martin .....
Toisnot .....	298	Elm City .....	Wilson .....
Hunting Creek .....	299	Gwyn .....	Iredell .....



NAME.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Clay	301	Hayesville	Clay
Lillington	302	Lillington	Harnett
Evergreen	303	Spout Springs	Harnett
Pleasant Hill	304	Repose	Lenoir
Laurinburg	305	Laurinburg	Scotland
Galatia	306	Raeford	Cumberland
Patterson	307	Mount Pleasant	Cabarrus
Randolph	309	Troy	Montgomery
Hatcher	310	Glover R. F. D. No. 1.	Wilson
Notla	312	Culberson	Cherokee
King Solomon	313	Lumber Bridge	Robeson
New Lebanon	314	South Mills	Camden
Enreka	317	Elizabeth City	Pasquotank
Wilmington	319	Wilmington	New Hanover
Selma	320	Selma	Johnston
White Hill	321	Villanow	Moore
Granite	322	Mount Airy	Surry
Wentworth	324	Wentworth	Rockingham
Falling Creek	325	Grantham	Wayne
Winton	327	Winton	Hertford
Mattamuskeet	328	Lake Landing	Hyde
Black Creek	330	Black Creek	Wilson
Bayboro	331	Oriental	Pamlico
Ashpole	335	Rowland	Robeson
Ionic	337	Kittrell	Vance
Fairview	339	Kings Mountain	Cleveland
Harmony	340	Pikeville	Wayne
Rock Spring	341	Denver	Lincoln
Hickory	343	Hickory	Catawba
Numa F. Reid	344	High Point	Guilford
Stanly	348	Albemarle	Stanly
Durham	352	Durham	Durham
Moravian	353	Moravian Falls	Wilkes
Dellaplane	355	Dellaplane	Wilkes
Fallston	356	Fallston	Cleveland
Bakersville	357	Bakersville	Mitchell
East LaPort	358	Tuckasegee	Jackson
Mount Vernon	359	Merritt	Pamlico
Snow	363	Sugar Grove	Watauga
Craighead	366	Huntersville	Mecklenburg
Gastonia	369	Gastonia	Gaston
Mars Hill	370	Mars Hill	Madison
Bethel	372	Morven	Anson
Elk	373	Todd	Watauga
State Line	375	Grover	Cleveland
Life Boat	376	Merry Oaks	Chatham
Youngsville	377	Youngsville	Franklin
Seaboard	378	Seaboard	Northampton
Colarie	379	Salemberg	Sampson
Granville	380	Youngsville, R.F.D. 2.	Granville
Forest City	381	Forest City	Rutherford
Shawnee	382	Long Island	Catawba



NAME.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Reidsville .....	384	Reidsville .....	Rockingham .....
Scottsville .....	385	Olney .....	Ashe .....
Pigeon River .....	386	Canton .....	Haywood .....
Kedron .....	387	Hendersonville .....	Henderson .....
Mooresboro .....	388	Mooresboro .....	Cleveland .....
Temperance .....	389	Vanceboro .....	Pitt .....
Copeland .....	390	Copeland .....	Surry .....
Lebanon .....	391	Hope Mills .....	Cumberland .....
White Rock .....	392	White Rock .....	Madison .....
Tally Ho .....	393	Stem .....	Granville .....
Cape Fear .....	394	Little River Academy .....	Cumberland .....
Orient .....	395	Wilmington .....	New Hanover .....
Oxford .....	396	Oxford .....	Granville .....
Bald Creek .....	397	Swiss .....	Yancey .....
Centre .....	398	Jupiter .....	Buncombe .....
Conoho .....	399	Hamilton, R. F. D. 2. .....	Martin .....
Joppa .....	401	Old Fort .....	McDowell .....
Dobson .....	402	Dobson .....	Surry .....
Siler City .....	403	Siler City .....	Chatham .....
Ocean .....	405	Morehead City .....	Carteret .....
Ivy .....	406	Ivy .....	Madison .....
Liberty Grove .....	407	North Wilkesboro .....	Wilkes .....
University .....	408	Chapel Hill .....	Orange .....
Bula .....	409	Burlington .....	Alamance .....
Rockville .....	411	Stanhope .....	Nash .....
Henry F. Grainger .....	412	Dabney .....	Vance .....
Louisburg .....	413	Louisburg .....	Franklin .....
New Hope .....	415	Purlear .....	Wilkes .....
Bellview .....	416	Cobbs .....	Cherokee .....
Maxton .....	417	Maxton .....	Robeson .....
Potecasi .....	418	Potecasi .....	Northampton .....
Greenwood .....	419	Godwin .....	Cumberland .....
Boonville .....	421	Boonville .....	Yadkin .....
Sparta .....	423	Sparta .....	Alleghany .....
Baltimore .....	424	Tracadia .....	Yadkin .....
Eastern Star .....	425	Daybook .....	Yancey .....
Montgomery .....	426	Letitia .....	Cherokee .....
Oconee .....	427	Bryson City .....	Swain .....
Stokesdale .....	428	Stokesdale .....	Guilford .....
Sea Side .....	429	Hubert .....	Onslow .....
Rockyford .....	430	Kapps Mills .....	Surry .....
Relief .....	431	Benson .....	Johnston .....
King's Creek .....	432	Pineycreek .....	Alleghany .....
Vanceboro .....	433	Vanceboro .....	Craven .....
West Bend .....	434	West Bend .....	Yadkin .....
Blue Ridge .....	435	Highlands .....	Macon .....
Star .....	437	Star .....	Montgomery .....
Marble Spring .....	439	Marble .....	Cherokee .....
Clingman .....	440	Clingman .....	Wilkes .....
Pleasant Mount .....	441	Abshers .....	Wilkes .....
Roper .....	443	Roper .....	Washington .....
Marietta .....	444	Ramseur .....	Randolph .....

NAME.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Mountain Park.....	445	Hot Springs.....	Madison.....
Biltmore.....	446	Biltmore.....	Buncombe.....
Enfield.....	447	Enfield.....	Halifax.....
Lone Oak.....	449	Robbinsville.....	Graham.....
Polenta.....	450	Garner, R. F. D. No. 1.....	Johnston.....
Ashler.....	451	Stony Fork.....	Watauga.....
Grifton.....	452	Grifton.....	Pitt.....
Clyde.....	453	Clyde.....	Haywood.....
Elkin.....	454	Elkin.....	Surry.....
Pineville.....	455	Pineville.....	Mecklenburg.....
Rusk.....	456	Rusk.....	Surry.....
Grapevine.....	457	Grapevine.....	Madison.....
Blowing Rock.....	458	Blowing Rock.....	Watauga.....
Dillsboro.....	459	Dillsboro.....	Jackson.....
Henrietta.....	460	Henrietta.....	Rutherford.....
Matthews.....	461	Matthews.....	Mecklenburg.....
South Fork.....	462	McAdenville.....	Gaston.....
Currituck.....	463	Coinjock.....	Currituck.....
Boiling Springs.....	464	Boiling Springs.....	Cleveland.....
Gulf.....	465	Gulf.....	Chatham.....
King Hiram.....	466	Hope Mills, R. F. D. 2.....	Cumberland.....
Healing Springs.....	467	Crumpler.....	Ashe.....
Sanford.....	469	Sanford.....	Moore.....
Scotland Neck.....	470	Scotland Neck.....	Halifax.....
Grassy Knob.....	471	Osbornville.....	Iredell.....
Sonoma.....	472	Sonoma.....	Haywood.....
Lexington.....	473	Lexington.....	Davidson.....
St. Paul's.....	474	St. Paul's.....	Robeson.....
Grimesland.....	475	Grimesland.....	Pitt.....
Big Lick.....	476	Big Lick.....	Stanly.....
Eagle Springs.....	477	Eagle Springs.....	Moore.....
Four Oaks.....	478	Four Oaks.....	Johnston.....
Rainbow.....	479	Arapahoe.....	Pamlico.....
Mill Creek.....	480	Benson, R. F. D. No. 2.....	Johnston.....
Spring Hope.....	481	Spring Hope.....	Nash.....
Saluda.....	482	Saluda.....	Polk.....
Southern Pines.....	484	Southern Pines.....	Moore.....
Brasstown.....	485	Brasstown.....	Clay.....
Lawndale.....	486	Lawndale.....	Cleveland.....
Statesville.....	487	Statesville.....	Iredell.....
Rich Square.....	488	Rich Square.....	Northampton.....
Linville.....	489	Montezuma.....	Mitchell.....
Buggaboo.....	490	Dimmette.....	Wilkes.....
Hominy.....	491	Chandler.....	Buncombe.....
Thomas M. Holt.....	492	Graham.....	Alamance.....
Pilot.....	493	Pilot Mountain.....	Surry.....
John A. Graves.....	494	Vanceyville.....	Caswell.....
Rockingham.....	495	Rockingham.....	Richmond.....
Mooresville.....	496	Mooresville.....	Iredell.....
Royal Hart.....	497	Littleton.....	Halifax.....
Ayden.....	498	Ayden.....	Pitt.....
Creedmoor.....	499	Creedmoor.....	Granville.....
Raleigh.....	500	Raleigh.....	Wake.....

NAME.	NO.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Red Springs.....	501	Red Springs.....	Robeson.....
Cookville.....	502	Henry.....	Catawba.....
Buies Creek.....	503	Buies Creek.....	Harnett.....
Luke McGlaughan.....	504	Ahoskie.....	Hertford.....
Cherryville.....	505	Cherryville.....	Gaston.....
Unaka.....	506	Unaka.....	Cherokee.....
Roberdell.....	507	Roberdell.....	Richmond.....
Lattimore.....	508	Lattimore.....	Cleveland.....
Belhaven.....	509	Belhaven.....	Beaufort.....
Caroleen.....	510	Caroleen.....	Rutherford.....
Barnardsville.....	511	Barnardsville.....	Buncombe.....
Lone Hickory.....	512	Footville.....	Yadkin.....
Sylva.....	513	Sylva.....	Jackson.....
Scotland.....	514	Gibson.....	Scotland.....
Whetstone.....	515	Bessemer City.....	Gaston.....
Aulander.....	516	Aulander.....	Bertie.....
Farmville.....	517	Farmville.....	Pitt.....
Shoal Creek.....	518	Postell.....	Cherokee.....
Widow's Son.....	519	Roanoke Rapids.....	Halifax.....
Fairfield.....	520	Fairfield.....	Hyde.....
Wanchese.....	521	Wanchese.....	Dare.....
Warsaw.....	522	Warsaw.....	Duplin.....
Winterville.....	523	Winterville.....	Pitt.....
Pendleton.....	524	Pendleton.....	Northampton.....
Rodgers.....	525	Drywells.....	Nash.....
Buncombe.....	526	Plymouth.....	Washington.....
Lucama.....	527	Lucama.....	Wilson.....
Ashpole.....	528	Ashpole.....	Robeson.....
Andrews.....	529	Andrews.....	Cherokee.....
Joppa.....	530	Dilworth.....	Mecklenburg.....
Ellenboro.....	531	Ellenboro.....	Cleveland.....
Hamlet.....	532	Hamlet.....	Richmond.....
Ottolay.....	533	Fairview.....	Buncombe.....
Camp Call.....	534	Camp Call.....	Cleveland.....
Hollis.....	535	Hollis.....	Rutherford.....
Boardman.....	536	Boardman.....	Columbus.....
Sharon.....	537	Sharon.....	Cleveland.....
Williams.....	538	Cornelius.....	Mecklenburg.....
Caswell.....	539	Tony.....	Caswell.....
State Road.....	540	State Road.....	Surry.....
Parkton.....	541	Parkton.....	Robeson.....
Corinthian.....	542	Greensboro.....	Guilford.....
Spencer.....	543	Spencer.....	Rowan.....
Mount Holly.....	544	Mount Holly.....	Gaston.....
Shelmerdine.....	545	Shelmerdine.....	Pitt.....
Carolina.....	546	Liberty.....	Randolph.....
Maysville.....	547	Maysville.....	Jones.....
Bee Log.....	548	Bee Log.....	Yancey.....
Elon.....	549	Elon College.....	Alamance.....
Roman Eagle.....	550	Aberdeen.....	Moore.....
Glenville.....	551	Glenville.....	Jackson.....
Revolution.....	552	Greensboro.....	Guilford.....
Zephyr.....	553	Zephyr.....	Surry.....
Vesper.....	554	Spruce Pine.....	Mitchell.....

# STATEMENT

## Of Lodges Given According to Counties.

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.
ALAMANCE.		CAMDEN.	
Thomas M. Holt.....	492	New Lebanon.....	314
Bingham .....	272	Widow's Son.....	75
Bula .....	409	CARTERET.	
Elon .....	549	Franklin .....	109
Oaks .....	255	Ocean .....	405
ALEXANDER.		CASWELL.	
Lee .....	253	John A. Graves .....	494
ALLEGHANY.		Golden Fleece.....	74
King's Creek.....	432	Caswell.....	539
Sparta .....	423	CATAWBA.	
ANSON.		Catawba .....	248
Bethel.....	372	Cookville.....	502
Carolina.....	141	Hickory .....	343
Kilwinning .....	64	Shawnee .....	382
ASHE.		CHATHAM.	
Jefferson .....	219	Columbus .....	102
Scottsville .....	385	Flat Creek .....	285
Healing Spring.....	467	George Washington.....	174
BEAUFORT.		Life Boat.....	376
Orr .....	104	Mount Vernon.....	143
Bellhaven .....	509	Siler City.....	403
BERTIE.		Gulf .....	465
Charity.....	5	CHEROKEE.	
Davie .....	39	Bellview.....	416
Anlander .....	516	Cherokee .....	146
BRUNSWICK.		Marble Spring.....	439
Pythagoras .....	249	Montgomery.....	426
BUNCOMBE.		Notla.....	312
Biltmore .....	446	Unaka.....	506
Blackmer.....	170	Shoal Creek .....	518
Centre .....	398	Andrews .....	529
Mount Hermon.....	118	Brasstown .....	485
Vance .....	293	CHOWAN.	
Hominy .....	491	Unanimity .....	7
Barnardsville.....	511	CLAY.	
Ottolay .....	533	Clay .....	301
BURKE.		CLEVELAND.	
Catawba Valley.....	217	Cleveland .....	202
CABARRUS.		Double Shoals.....	356
Patterson .....	307	Fair View.....	339
Stokes.....	32	Lawndale.....	486
CALDWELL.		Mooresboro.....	388
Hibriten .....	262	State Line.....	375
		Boiling Springs.....	461
		Lattimore .....	508

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.
<i>CLEVELAND—Continued.</i>		<i>FRANKLIN—Continued.</i>	
Ellenboro .....	531	Louisburg .....	413
Camp Call .....	534	Sandy Creek .....	185
Sharon .....	537	Youngsville .....	377
COLUMBUS.		GASTON.	
Fair Bluff .....	190	Air Line .....	369
Lebanon .....	207	Cherryville .....	505
Boardman .....	536	Gaston .....	263
CUMBERLAND.		South Fork .....	462
Cape Fear .....	394	Whetstone .....	515
Durbin .....	266	Mount Holly .....	544
Galatia .....	306	GATES.	
Greenwood .....	419	Gatesville .....	126
Lebanon .....	391	Lily Valley .....	252
Phoenix .....	8	GRAHAM.	
King Hiram .....	466	Lone Oak .....	449
CURRITUCK.		GRANVILLE.	
Atlantic .....	238	Adoniram .....	149
Hall .....	53	Berea .....	204
Currituck .....	463	Creedmoor .....	499
CRAVEN.		Granville .....	380
St. John's .....	3	Knap of Reeds .....	158
Vanceboro .....	433	Oxford .....	396
DARE.		Tally Ho .....	393
Wanchese .....	521	Shiloh .....	250
DAVIDSON.		GREENE.	
Lexington .....	473	Jerusalem .....	95
Thomasville .....	214	Radiance .....	132
DAVIE.		GUILFORD.	
Farmington .....	265	Numa F. Reid .....	344
Mocksville .....	134	Greensboro .....	76
DUPLIN.		Stokesdale .....	428
Rehoboth .....	279	Tobasco .....	271
Warren .....	101	Corinthian .....	542
Belmont .....	108	Revolution .....	552
Warsaw .....	522	HALIFAX.	
DURHAM.		Enfield .....	447
Eno .....	210	Roanoke .....	203
Durham .....	352	Royal White Hart .....	2
EDGECOMBE.		Royal Hart .....	497
Concord .....	58	Scotland Neck .....	470
Rising Sun .....	438	Widow's Son .....	519
FORSYTH.		HARNETT.	
Salem .....	289	Buies Creek .....	503
Winston .....	167	Cokesbury .....	235
FRANKLIN.		Evergreen .....	303
Cedar Rock .....	286	Harnett .....	258
Franklinton .....	123	Lillington .....	302
		Palmyra .....	147
		Pine Forest .....	186

NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.
HAYWOOD.		MACON.	
Clyde .....	453	Blue Ridge .....	435
Pigeon River .....	386	Junaluska .....	145
Sonoma .....	472	MADISON.	
Waynesville .....	259	French Broad .....	292
HENDERSON.		Grapevine .....	457
Kedron .....	387	Ivy .....	406
HERTFORD.		Mars Hill .....	370
American George .....	17	White Rock .....	392
Luke McGlaughan .....	504	Mountain Park .....	445
Winton .....	327	MARTIN.	
HYDE.		Conoho .....	399
Atlantic .....	294	Skewarkey .....	90
Mattamuskeet .....	328	Stonewall .....	296
Fairfield .....	520	M'DOWELL.	
IREDELL.		Joppa .....	401
Mooresville .....	496	Mystic Tie .....	237
Grassy Knob .....	471	MECKLENBURG.	
Hunting Creek .....	299	Williams .....	538
Statesville .....	487	Long Creek .....	205
Wilson .....	226	Craighead .....	366
JACKSON.		Excelsior .....	261
Dillsboro .....	459	Phalanx .....	31
Unaka .....	268	Pineville .....	455
East La Port .....	358	Matthews .....	461
Sylva .....	513	Joppa .....	530
Glenville .....	551	Mecklenburg .....	176
JOHNSTON.		MITCHELL.	
Four Oaks .....	478	Bakersville .....	357
Archer .....	165	Linville .....	489
Kenly .....	257	Vesper .....	554
Fellowship .....	84	MONTGOMERY.	
Granite .....	191	Randolph .....	309
Polenta .....	450	Star .....	437
Relief .....	431	Blackmer .....	127
Selma .....	320	MOORE.	
Mill Creek .....	480	Southern Pines .....	484
JONES.		Carthage .....	181
Pollokville .....	175	Eagle Springs .....	477
Zion .....	81	Chalmers .....	151
Maysville .....	547	White Hill .....	321
LENOIR.		McCormick .....	228
Lenoir .....	233	Sanford .....	469
Pleasant Hill .....	304	Buffalo .....	172
Rountree .....	243	Roman Eagle .....	550
St. John's .....	4	NASH.	
LINCOLN.		Central Cross .....	187
Lincoln .....	137	Corinthian .....	230
Rock Springs .....	341	Morning Star .....	85
		Rockville .....	411



NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.
<i>NASH—Continued.</i>		<i>RANDOLPH—Continued.</i>	
Spring Hope .....	481	Marietta .....	444
Rodgers .....	525	Mount Olivet.....	195
NEW HANOVER.		Carolina .....	546
Orient .....	395	RICHMOND.	
St. John's .....	1	Rockingham .....	495
Wilmington .....	319	Roberdell .....	507
NORTHAMPTON.		Hamlet .....	532
King Solomon.....	56	ROBESON.	
Potecasi .....	418	St. Paul's .....	474
Seaboard .....	378	King Solomon.....	313
Rich Square .....	488	Maxton .....	417
Pendleton .....	524	St. Albans.....	114
ONSLow.		Ashpole .....	335
LaFayette .....	83	Ashpole .....	528
Sea Side .....	429	Red Springs .....	501
ORANGE.		Parkton .....	541
Eagle .....	71	ROCKINGHAM.	
University .....	408	Madison .....	129
PAMLICO.		Leaksville .....	136
Bayboro .....	331	Cherokee.....	197
Mount Vernon .....	359	Reidsville .....	384
Rainbow .....	479	Wentworth .....	324
PASQUOTANK.		ROWAN.	
Eureka .....	317	Scotch-Ireland.....	154
PENDER.		Eureka .....	283
King Solomon.....	138	Fulton .....	99
PERSON.		Spencer .....	543
Person .....	113	RUTHERFORD.	
PERQUIMANS.		Forest City.....	381
Perquimans .....	106	Henrietta .....	460
PITT.		Western Star.....	91
Grimesland .....	475	Caroleen .....	510
Greenville .....	284	Hollis .....	535
Ayden .....	498	SAMPSON.	
Grifton .....	452	Colharie .....	379
Temperance .....	389	Hiram .....	98
Farmville .....	517	Mill Creek.....	125
Winterville.....	523	Mingo .....	206
Shelmerdine .....	545	Siloam .....	178
POLK.		SCOTLAND.	
Saluda .....	482	Scotland .....	514
RANDOLPH.		Laurinburg .....	305
Randleman.....	209	STANLY.	
Balfour .....	188	Big Lick.....	475
Deep River.....	164	Stanly .....	348
Hanks .....	128	SURRY.	
		Pilot .....	493
		Copeland .....	390



NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	NO.
<i>SURRY—Continued.</i>		WATAUGA.	
Dobson .....	402	Blowing Rock .....	458
Elkin .....	454	Ashler .....	451
Granite .....	322	Elk .....	373
Rockford .....	251	Snow .....	363
Rockyford .....	430	Watauga .....	273
Rusk .....	456	WAYNE.	
State Road .....	540	Falling Creek .....	325
Zephyr .....	553	Mount Olive .....	208
SWAIN.		Harmony .....	340
Oconee .....	427	Wayne .....	112
TRANSYLVANIA.		WILKES.	
Dunn's Rock .....	267	Buggaboo .....	490
UNION.		Clingman .....	440
Beaver Dam .....	276	Dellaplane .....	335
Monroe .....	244	Liberty .....	45
VANCE.		Liberty Grove .....	407
Henderson .....	229	Moravian .....	353
Henry F. Grainger .....	412	New Hope .....	415
Ionic .....	337	Pleasant Mount .....	441
WAKE.		Trap Hill .....	483
Green Level .....	277	WILSON.	
Hiram .....	40	Black Creek .....	330
Holly Springs .....	115	Hatcher .....	310
Mount Pleasant .....	157	Joseph Warren .....	92
Neuse .....	97	Mount Lebanon .....	117
Rolesville .....	156	Toisnot .....	298
William G. Hill .....	218	Lucama .....	527
William T. Bain .....	231	YADKIN.	
White Stone .....	155	Baltimore .....	424
Cary .....	198	Boonville .....	421
Raleigh .....	500	East Bend .....	269
Wake Forest .....	282	Jonesville .....	227
WARREN.		West Bend .....	434
Johnston-Caswell .....	10	Yadkin .....	162
WASHINGTON.		Lone Hickory .....	512
Roper .....	443	YANCEY.	
Buncombe .....	526	Bald Creek .....	397
		Burnsville .....	192
		Bee Log .....	548
		Eastern Star .....	425

## GRAND LODGES.

Month of Meetings, Addresses of Grand Secretaries.

GRAND LODGES.	MEETS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	ADDRESSES.
Alabama .....	December ..	Geo. A. Beauchamp..	Montgomery .....
Arizona .....	November ..	Geo. J. Roskrige ..	Tucson .....
Arkansas .....	November ..	Fay Hempstead .....	Little Rock .....
British Columbia...	June .....	R. E. Brett .....	Victoria .....
California .....	October .....	George Johnson.....	San Francisco...
Canada .....	July .....	Hugh Murray .....	Hamilton, Ont ..
Colorado .....	September..	Chas. H. Jacobson ..	Denver .....
Connecticut .....	January .....	John H. Barlow .....	Hartford .....
Delaware .....	October .....	B. F. Bartram .....	Wilmington.....
District Columbia.	December ..	A. W. Johnston.....	Washington .....
Florida .....	January .....	Wilbor P. Webster ..	Jacksonville.....
Georgia .....	October .....	W. A. Wolihin .....	Macon .....
Idaho .....	September..	Theo. W. Randall.....	Boise City .....
Illinois .....	October .....	J. H. C. Dill .....	Bloomington .....
Indiana .....	May .....	Calvin W. Prather ..	Anderson .....
Indian Territory..	August .....	J. S. Murrow .....	Atoka .....
Iowa .....	June .....	N. R. Parvin .....	Cedar Rapids .....
Kansas .....	February ..	Albert K. Wilson .....	Topeka .....
Kentucky .....	October .....	H. B. Grant .....	Louisville.....
Louisiana .....	February ..	Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans .....
Maine .....	May .....	Stephen Berry .....	Portland .....
Manitoba .....	June .....	James A. Ovas.....	Winnipeg .....
Massachusetts .....	December ..	Sereno D. Nickerson ..	Boston .....
Maryland .....	November ..	Wm. M. Isaac .....	Baltimore .....
Michigan .....	January .....	Lon B. Wiman .....	Reed City.....
Minnesota .....	January .....	Thos. Montgomery...	St. Paul .....
Mississippi .....	February ..	Fred Speed .....	Vicksburg .....
Missouri .....	October .....	John R. Parson .....	St. Louis .....
Montana .....	September..	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena .....
Nebraska .....	June .....	Francis E. White .....	Omaha .....
Nevada .....	June .....	C. N. Noteware .....	Carson .....
New Brunswick....	April .....	J. T. Hart .....	St. John .....
New Hampshire....	May .....	Frank D. Woodbury ..	Concord .....
New Jersey .....	January .....	T. H. R. Redway .....	Trenton .....
New Mexico .....	October .....	A. A. Keen .....	Albuquerque .....
New York .....	June .....	E. M. L. Ehlers .....	New York .....
North Dakota.....	June .....	Frank J. Thompson ..	Fargo .....
Nova Scotia .....	June .....	Thomas Mowbray.....	Halifax .....
Ohio .....	October .....	J. H. Bromwell .....	Cincinnati .....
Oklahoma .....	February ..	J. S. Hunt .....	Guthrie .....
Oregon .....	June .....	James F. Robinson...	Eugene .....
Pennsylvania .....	December ..	W. A. Sinn .....	Philadelphia .....
Prince Ed. Island..	June .....	Neil Mackelvie .....	Summerside .....
Quebec .....	January .....	Will H. White .....	Montreal .....
Rhode Island.....	May .....	S. Penrose Williams ..	Providence .....
South Carolina .....	December ..	J. T. Barron .....	Columbia .....

GRAND LODGES.	MEETS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	ADDRESSES.
South Dakota .....	June .....	Geo. A. Pettigrew .....	Sioux Falls .....
Tennessee .....	January .....	John B. Garrett .....	Nashville .....
Texas .....	December .....	John Watson .....	Waco .....
Utah .....	January .....	Christopher Diehl .....	Salt Lake City..
Vermont .....	June .....	Henry H. Ross .....	Burlington .....
Virginia .....	December .....	Geo. W. Carrington..	Richmond .....
Washington .....	.....	Thos. M. Reed .....	Olympia .....
West Virginia .....	November .....	Hiram R. Howard .....	Point Pleasant ..
Wisconsin .....	June .....	Wm. W. Perry .....	Milwaukee .....
Wyoming .....	December .....	W. D. Kuekendall .....	Saratoga .....

## FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

Argentine Republic .....	Otto E. Recke .....	Buenos Ayres..
Belgium .....	Rain Nedgrot .....	Brussels .....
Brazil .....	P. Mendez .....	Rio De Janeiro
Cuba, Grand Lodge of .....	A. Miranda .....	Havana .....
England, Grand Lodge of .....	E. Letchworth, F. S. A. ....	London .....
Ireland, Grand Lodge of .....	Rt. Hon. Lord Castletown..	Dublin .....
New South Wales, United } Grand Lodge of .....	Arthur H. Bray .....	Sydney .....
New Zealand .....	Malcom Niccol .....	Auckland .....
Scotland, Grand Lodge of .....	David Reid .....	Edinburg .....
South Australia, Grand } Lodge of .....	James H. Cunningham .....	Adelaide .....
Victoria, United Grand } Lodge of .....	John Braim .....	Melbourne ....
West Australia .....	.....	.....

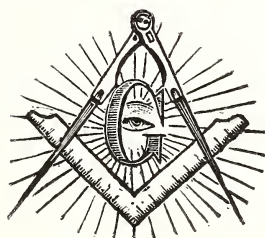


## REPRESENTATIVES

of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama .....	S. M. Gattis.....	Hillsboro.....
Arizona .....	F. M. Winchester.....	Charlotte .....
Arkansas .....	Fabius H. Busbee.....	Raleigh .....
British Columbia .....	H. I. Clark.....	Scotland Neck.....
Canada .....	S. M. Beasley.....	Poplar Branch.....
Colorado .....	William A. Blair.....	Winston .....
Connecticut .....	William L. London.....	Pittsboro .....
Delaware .....	W. A. Withers.....	Raleigh .....
District of Columbia .....	Charles H. Robinson.....	Wilmington .....
Florida .....	R. N. Hackett.....	Wilkesboro.....
Georgia .....	H. J. Lovick.....	Newbern .....
Idaho .....	Walter Clark.....	Raleigh .....
Illinois.....	Leo D. Heartt.....	Raleigh .....
Indiana .....	W. B. McKoy.....	Wilmington .....
Indian Territory.....	Thomas S. Kenan.....	Raleigh .....
Kansas .....	M. C. S. Noble .....	Wilmington .....
Louisiana .....	W. J. Roberts.....	Winston.....
Maine.....	David Bell.....	Enfield.....
Manitoba.....	Samuel H. Smith .....	Winston .....
Maryland .....	Marshall DeL. Haywood.....	Raleigh .....
Michigan .....	Robert Bingham.....	Asheville .....
Minnesota.....	F. D. Winston.....	Windsor .....
Mississippi .....	Enoch F. Lamb.....	Elizabeth City ..
Missouri .....	W. E. Moore .....	Webster .....
Montana .....	R. S. Reinhardt.....	Lincolnton .....
Nebraska .....	Will X. Coley .....	Raleigh .....
Nevada .....	I. Frank Tilson .....	Grapevine .....
New Brunswick.....	Dr. J. G. Hunt.....	Oxford .....
New Hampshire.....	John C. Chase .....	Wilmington .....
New Jersey.....	W. H. Bain .....	Raleigh .....
New York.....	N. B. Broughton .....	Raleigh .....
New South Wales.....	J. D. Elliott.....	Hickory .....
New Zealand.....	Rev. Thomas Bell.....	Greensboro .....
North Dakota.....	William Richardson .....	Selma .....
Nova Scotia.....	Thomas S. Kenan.....	Raleigh .....
Oregon.....	John W. Cotten.....	Tarboro .....
Ohio .....	Albert M. Noble .....	Selma .....
Prince Edward Island.....	Sol. Gallert .....	Rutherfordton .....
Quebec .....	W. H. McLaurin.....	Laurinburg .....
Rhode Island .....	H. W. Reinhart .....	Thomasville .....
South Carolina.....	W. T. Caho .....	Newbern .....
South Dakota.....	A. B. Andrews, Jr.....	Raleigh .....
Sweden .....	W. W. Willson .....	Raleigh .....
Tennessee .....	J. L. Currin .....	Henderson .....
Texas .....	M. D. Kinsland.....	Waynesboro .....

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Utah .....	J. T. Alderman .....	Henderson .....
Victoria .....	Erskine Pope .....	Jonesboro .....
Vermont .....	Samuel Northrop.....	Wilmington .....
Virginia.....	Dr. F. M. Moye.....	Wilson .....
Washington .....	J. D. Paylor.....	High Point .....
West Virginia.....	B. S. Royster.....	Oxford .....
Wisconsin .....	Richard J. Noble.....	Selma .....

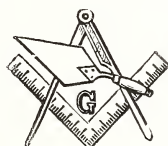


## REPRESENTATIVES

of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina near other Grand Bodies.

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama .....	B. M. Hill.....	Springville.....
Arizona .....	C. D. Haney .....	Winslow .....
Arkansas.....	J. B. Baker .....	Melbourne .....
British Columbia .....	James Stone.....	Bakersville.....
Canada.....	John Hoodless.....	Hamilton, Ontario..
Colorado .....	Joseph W. Milson .....	Canon City.....
Connecticut.....	Augustus C. Golding .....	Norwalk .....
Delaware.....	Dr. Frank Belville .....	Delaware City.....
District of Columbia .....	Jesse W. Lee, Jr .....	Washington City.....
Florida .....	Jesse J. Combs .....	Apopka .....
Georgia.....	W. A. Wolihin .....	Macon .....
Idaho .....	F. G. Mock .....	Mountain Home.....
Illinois .....	Jas. N. McFatish .....	Chicago .....
Indiana .....	Mark Storen .....	Scottsburg .....
Indian Territory .....	Moze W. LaFayette.....	Muskogee.....
Kansas .....	Alex. A. Sharp .....	Larned.....
Louisiana .....	R. W. Allen.....	Franklin .....
Maine .....	C. F. Johnston .....	Waterville .....
Manitoba .....	William Crawford .....	Medicine Hat.....
Maryland .....	Samuel Eccles, Jr.....	Baltimore .....
Michigan .....	John W. Rowson.....	Grand Rapids.....
Minnesota.....	B. B. Sprauge .....	St. Paul .....
Mississippi.....	Rev. A. H. Rarkley .....	Crawfordsville.....
Missouri .....	S. R. Wood .....	La Plata.....
Montana .....	J. H. Rhinehart .....	Billings .....
Nebraska .....	Melville R. Hopewell.....	Tekama .....
Nevada .....	Joseph F. Triplett .....	.....
New Brunswick .....	P. M. Archibald Bauer.....	St. John.....
New Hampshire .....	John McLane.....	Milford .....
New Jersey.....	George C. Warren.....	Trenton .....
New South Wales.....	Evelyn A. H. Stephens.....	Sydney .....
New York .....	Charles Searle.....	New York.....
New Zealand.....	C. J. W. Griffiths.....	Auckland .....
North Dakota .....	James McDonald.....	Grafton .....
Nova Scotia .....	Rev. H. D. Deblois.....	Annapolis .....
Ohio .....	Perry L. Hobbs.....	Cleveland .....
Oregon .....	W. T. Williamson .....	Salem .....
Prince Edward Island .....	Robert E. Sobey.....	Summerside.....
Quebec.....	A. N. Thompson.....	Stanstead .....
Rhode Island.....	John P. Sanborn.....	Newport .....
South Carolina .....	J. T. Barron.....	Columbia .....
South Dakota.....	W. H. Boals.....	Clark .....
Sweden .....	Justus C. Osterman.....	Stockholm .....
Tennessee.....	A. C. Robeson.....	Athens.....
Texas .....	W. S. Fly .....	San Antonio.....
Utah .....	N. W. Hewett.....	Salt Lake City .....

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Vermont .....	Thomas L. Snow .....	St. Johnsbury.....
Virginia .....	Alfred R. Courtney.....	Richmond (Br'lt'n
Victoria .....	Andrew Thomson.....	Middle Crescent....
Washington .....	H. L. Kennan.....	Spokane .....
West Virginia.....	Neil Robinson.....	Charleston .....
Wisconsin .....	E. J. Farr.....	Eau Claire .....





*Abstract of Returns from Subordinate Lodges for Masonic Year Ending October 31, 1906.*

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St. John's.....	1	11	10	8	4					2	2	1	101		101	\$ 75 75	\$ 75 75	\$
St. John's.....	3	3	1	2	3				2	1	2	6	77	3	80	57 75	57 75	
St. John's.....	4	16	18	20	3						3	6	128	7	135	96 00	96 00	
Charity.....	5					1					2		68		68	51 00	51 00	
Unanimity.....	7	2	2	1	2					1	2	2	34	11	45	25 50	25 50	
Phoenix.....	8	11	5	4	4	1				1	1		69	10	79	51 75	51 75	
Johnston-Caswell ..	10	8	4	4	2					2	1		39	4	43	29 25	29 25	
American George.....	17										1		11	2	13	8 25		8 25
Phalanx.....	31	8	9	10	4	1				1	3	4	160		160	120 00	120 00	
Stokes.....	32	10	7	6	5	1			1	1	2		95	20	115	71 25	71 25	
Davie.....	39	7	2									2	37	5	42	27 75	27 75	
Hiram.....	40	7	5	4	5								92		92	69 00	69 00	
Liberty.....	45	2	3	5						1	1	1	50	2	52	37 50	37 50	
Hall.....	53	1	1	1	2						1		36	2	38	27 00	27 00	
King Solomon.....	56	3	2	3			1			1			45	3	48	33 75	33 75	
Concord.....	58	6	7	7	1	2			1	1	2		79	10	89	59 25	59 25	
Kilwinning.....	64	10	5	4	3					3	1	1	41	2	43	30 75	30 75	
Eagle.....	71	5	5	5						5		1	57		57	42 75	42 75	
Widow's Son.....	75	3	2										24		24	18 00	18 00	
Greensboro.....	76	11	10	11	1					6	1		93	14	107	69 75	69 75	
Zion.....	81	6	7	7	1	1		1			1	6	43		43	32 25	32 25	
LaFayette.....	83	18	13	9	1	1				1	3	1	44	4	48	33 00	33 00	

Fellowship	84	5	7	6	3						4	58	43 50
Morning Star	85	11	6	6				1	2		1	71	53 25
Skewarkey	90	3	3	4			3	1	1	5		89	66 75
Western Star	91	3	2	2	1							34	25 50
Joseph Warren	92	4	3	1			1	1	2			36	27 00
Jerusalem	95	3	4	3							2	24	18 00
Neuse	97			1	1				3			28	21 00
Hiram	98	13	9	7	3	1		1	1	2	9	62	39 75
Fulton	99	19	17	15	5	1	5	5	4	7	140	105 00	
Warren	101		1	1								22	16 50
Columbus	102	1	1	1				2				31	23 25
Orr	104	8	9	11	1				4	1	5	96	72 00
Perquimans	106	7	8	7	1			2		2	74	55 50	
Belmont	108	1						1	1		31	23 25	
Franklin	109	1	4	3					1	1	73	54 75	
Wayne	112	17	13	12		1	2		3	3	86	64 50	
Person	113	3	3	2	1			1	2	1	50	37 50	
St. Albans	114	7	10	4	4	1		1	2		70	52 50	
Holly Springs	115				3			3			23	17 25	
Mount Lebanon	117							1	1		55	41 25	
Mount HERNON	118	7	7	8	11	13		6	3	2	189	141 75	
Franklinton	123	5	4	6							64	48 00	
Mill Creek	125	4	4	4		1					34	25 50	
Gatesville	126	15	12	8	1			2	2		42	31 50	
Blackmer	127				3				1	2	44	31 50	
Hanks	128	3	4	2	1	3		1	2		39	23 25	
Radiance	132	3	4	6	1				1	1	45	33 75	
Mocksville	134	4	3	2							33	24 75	
Leaksville	136	7	6	8							6	51 00	
Lincoln	137	3	3	6	1	1			2		52	39 00	
King Solomon	138	3	1		2		1	1			64	45 00	
Carolina	141	4	4	6					1		57	39 00	
Mount Vernon	143	5	7	4				1		9	31	17 25	
Junaluska	145	2	2	2	2			1	1	1	45	30 75	
Cherokee	146	6	4	5	1	2	1	1			67	49 50	
											65	48 75	

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Palmyra	147	5	3	3	3	3		2	5		1	49	9	58	36 75	36 75	.....
Adoniram	149	1	1	1	1					1		34	5	39	25 50	25 50	.....
Chalmers	151	3	3	3	3				1		1	32	2	36	25 50	25 50	.....
Scotch-Ireland	154	3	3	2	1					1		32		32	24 00	24 00	.....
White Stone	155	7	9	5	1				1	3		41		41	30 75	30 75	.....
Rolesville	156	4	3	4					2	3	5	38	1	39	28 50	28 50	.....
Mount Pleasant	157	2	2	2	4	1				1		40	1	41	30 00	30 00	.....
Knap of Reeds	158	2	2	2	2			2			1	29	3	32	21 75	21 75	.....
Yadkin	162	1	1	2	2				1		1	30		30	22 50	22 50	.....
Deep River	164	2	2	2	2							22		22	16 50	16 50	.....
Archer	165	2	2	2	2				3			69		69	51 75	51 75	.....
Winston	167	8	7	9	2	1			2	6		154	6	160	115 50	115 50	.....
Blackmer	170	2	2	2	2	1					1	46	3	49	34 50	34 50	.....
Buffalo	172	3	2	2	1					3		36		36	27 00	27 00	.....
Geo. Washington	174	11	12	10	1	3				1	1	46	2	48	34 50	34 50	.....
Pollokville	175	9	9	9					10			21	1	22	15 75	15 75	.....
Siloam	178	1										15		15	11 25	11 25	.....
Carthage	181				3							33	8	41	24 75	24 75	.....
Sandy Creek	185	7	7	7		1		3		1		65		65	48 75	48 75	.....
Pine Forest	186	1	2	2	2					1		27	6	33	20 25	20 25	.....
Central Cross	187	11	13	11		1	1			1	2	49		49	36 75	36 75	.....
Balfour	188	5	4	2	7				2	1		26		26	19 50	19 50	.....
Fair Bluff	190		3	2	2			3				34	6	40	25 50	25 50	.....

Granite	I91	2	2	2	2	2				I		29				21	75
Burnsville	I92	6	2	5					I2	3	I	I00	20			75	00
Mount Olivet	I95	5	5	5			I			5		18				I3	50
Cherokee	I97	8	7	7	I						I	17				12	75
Cary	I98	I	I									20	3			15	00
Cleveland	202	6	7	4	6	I			3	I	3	91	9			68	75
Roanoke	203			2						6		38	5			28	50
Berea	204	I	I	I						I	I	28	5			21	00
Long Creek	205	3	5	5			I					36				27	00
Mingo	206	I	I	I	I					I	3	42				31	50
Lebanon	207	10	5	3		4			I	3		73	18			54	75
Mount Olive	208	19	14	13	6						3	44				33	00
Eno	210	31	28	26	13	5				3	I	75	21			56	25
Thomasville	214	11	12	14	2	I				I		98	5			73	50
Catawba Valley	217	5	5	4					4	I	3	50				37	50
William G. Hill	218	18	15	17	6			I	I	5	2	I45				108	00
Wilson	226								2	I		24	I			18	00
Jonesville	227	8	7	5	I		I		2			43				32	25
McCormick	228	3	2	2							I	21	4			15	75
Henderson	229	5	5	4	6					3	I	82	4			61	50
Corinthian	230	4	3	4	7						2	78				58	50
William T. Bain	231			I								18	I			13	50
Lenoir	233	6	6	5	2					I	4	52	3			39	00
Mystic Tie	237	11	6	4	2					2	2	61				45	75
Atlantic	238			I					3	2		17	3			12	75
Rountree	243	I	I	I								27	I			20	25
Monroe	244	9	5	5	5					4	I	67	2			50	25
Catawba	248	11	10	6	6							80	7			60	00
Pythagoras	249	8	8	8			I		3			41	9			30	75
Shiloh	250	4	2	I	I					I		17	2			12	75
Rockford	251	I	I	I						I		26				19	50
Lily Valley	252	3	I	2								23	3			17	25
Lee	253	2	2	3	2		I		3	I	2	83	I3			62	25
Oaks	255	3	2	3						I	I	34				25	50
Kenly	257	4	4	4				I		2		67	I			50	25

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Harnett	258												14		14	10 50	10 50	
Waynesville	259	5	1	1	1			2			1		73		73	54 75	54 75	
Excelsior	261	11	7	4	11			1		2			122		122	91 50	91 50	
Hibriten	262	6	4	4				7		4	2	2	94	13	107	70 50	70 50	
Gaston	263	8	8	8			1						36	1	37	27 00	27 00	
Farmington	265										1		16		16	12 00	12 00	
Durbin	266	1	1	1						1			15		15	11 25	11 25	
Dunn's Rock	267	2						1		1	4	3	76	7	83	57 00	57 00	
Unaka	268	1		1						2	3		37		37	27 75	27 75	
East Bend	269						2				1		12	11	23	9 00		9 00
Tobasco	271	2	3	3				4					28		28	21 00	21 00	
Bingham	272	5	3	1	6					3			28		28	21 00	21 00	
Watauga	273	8	8	8			1			10	1		54	3	57	40 50	40 50	
Beaver Dam	276	5	6	5	3		1			1			40	2	42	31 50	31 50	
Green Level	277	5	6	5	1	1							34	8	42	25 50	25 50	
Rehoboth	279		9	5						1			19		19	14 25	14 25	
Wake Forest	282	6	7	9	1					2			31	4	35	23 25	23 25	
Eureka	283	4	3	2						1	1		40		40	30 00	30 00	
Greenville	284	15	15	15	1			4		5	1	3	126	3	129	94 50	94 50	
Flat Creek	285												37	4	41	27 75	27 75	
Cedar Rock	286	10	4	4	1					1	1	1	38	4	42	28 50	28 50	
Salem	289	6	6	6							1		84		84	63 00	63 00	
French Broad	292	13	12	12	1	1		3					100		100	75 00	75 00	

Vance	293	3	2	2	3	1			2	38	8	46	28	50
Atlantic	294									31	5	36	23	25
Stonewall	296	7	6	6	1	1			2	73	3	76	54	75
Toisnot	298	5	3	3					1	41	5	46	30	75
Hunting Creek	299	2	2	1					1	21		21	15	75
Pamlico	300	12	10	5	2					14		14	10	50
Clay	301	4	4	4	1					95	6	101	71	25
Lillington	302	5	2	1	3				1	27		27	20	25
Evergreen	303	1	1	1	1					14	1	15	10	50
Pleasant Hill	304	1	1	2		1				40		40	30	00
Laurinburg	305							2		37		37	27	75
Galatia	306			3						29	2	29	20	25
Patterson	307	6	2	2					2	32	4	36	24	00
Randolph	309	6	7	7					1	47	2	49	35	25
Hatcher	310	2	1	1					1	36	2	38	27	00
Notla	312	8	8	7	1				3	45	3	48	33	75
King Solomon	313	4	2	2	1				1	32	1	33	24	00
New Lebanon	314							3		31	4	35	23	25
Eureka	317	1	3	3	2			2		116	3	119	87	00
Wilmingon	319	5	5	6	2			1	1	78		78	58	50
Selma	320			6	2			1	3	60		60	45	00
White Hill	321			1		1				20		20	15	00
Granite	322	12	13	13	6				3	98		98	73	50
Falling Creek	325	3							1	42		42	31	50
Winton	327	1	2	2	2	1			1	29	1	30	21	75
Mattamuskeet	328									26	1	27	19	50
Black Creek	330	2	1	1						23	4	27	17	25
Bayboro	331	1						2	1	32	3	35	24	00
Ashpole	335	5	6	7	5				1	40	2	42	30	00
Ionic	337	1								12	10	22	9	00
Fair View	339	8	8	8				10		33		33	24	75
Harmony	340	6	5	6					2	71	4	75	53	25
Rock Spring	341	4	4	4					1	23		23	17	25
Hickory	343	7	9	8	2			5	2	81	9	90	60	75
Numa F. Reid	344	4	5	6	2				2	69	18	87	51	75

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Stanly	348	5	10	11	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	71	6	77	53 25	53 25	---
Durham	352	22	30	33	8	6	---	---	6	7	3	1	200	27	227	150 00	150 00	---
Moravian	353	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	---	27	3	30	20 25	20 25	---
Dellaplane	355	1	2	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	20	---	20	15 00	15 00	---
Fallston	356	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	---	---	41	---	50	30 75	30 75	---
Bakersville	357	12	15	17	3	20	---	---	25	11	1	3	70	32	102	52 50	52 50	---
East La Port	358	4	6	5	---	2	---	---	---	3	---	5	54	---	54	40 50	40 50	---
Mount Vernon	359	3	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	29	2	31	21 75	21 75	---
Snow	363	27	24	20	1	1	---	---	---	3	1	5	95	3	98	71 25	71 25	---
Craighhead	366	---	---	4	---	---	---	---	3	2	1	---	53	4	57	39 75	39 75	---
Gastonia	369	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	130	---	130	97 50	97 50	---
Mars Hill	370	17	11	10	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	64	---	64	48 00	48 00	---
Bethel	372	5	5	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	42	3	45	31 50	31 50	---
Elk	373	2	4	2	---	1	---	---	1	1	---	---	41	---	41	30 75	30 75	---
State Line	375	4	3	2	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	35	---	35	26 25	26 25	---
Life Boat	376	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	---	16	9 00	9 00	---
Youngsville	377	8	7	6	1	1	---	---	2	---	1	1	62	4	66	46 50	46 50	---
Seaboard	378	2	4	4	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	2	31	---	31	23 25	23 25	---
Coharie	379	3	3	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	25	2	27	18 75	18 75	---
Granville	380	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	4	40	---	41	30 00	30 00	---
Forest City	381	5	5	5	1	2	---	---	---	---	1	---	40	3	43	30 00	30 00	---
Shawnee	382	6	3	2	1	1	---	---	---	9	---	3	15	2	17	11 25	11 25	---
Reidsville	384	4	4	4	1	1	---	---	4	---	---	---	33	22	55	24 75	24 75	---



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Oconee	427	3	3	2	3	2			2	2		1	71	5	76	53 25	53 25	
Stokesdale	428	8	7	6	1	1				1	1		32	18	50	24 00	24 00	
Sea Side	429	3	3	3						3			42		42	31 50	31 50	
Rockyford	430	3	4	5	1					8			32	6	38	24 00	24 00	
Relief	431				2								28		28	21 00	21 00	
King's Creek	432	6	6	5		1							45	3	48	33 75	33 75	
Vanceboro	433												46		46	34 50	34 50	
West Bend	434												12	2	12	7 50	7 50	
Blue Ridge	435	2	2	1	1					9	1		45	2	47	33 75	33 75	
Star	437		1	3	1					1	1		23	7	30	17 25	17 25	
Marble Spring	439	2		2		4				1	1	7	49	1	50	36 75	36 75	
Clingman	440	7	5	5								1	54		54	40 50	40 50	
Pleasant Mount	441		5	5	2					1		2	28	5	33	21 00	21 00	
Roper	443	7	6	4		4			7			2	41	1	42	30 75	30 75	
Marietta	444	7	7	8		1				4	1		61	4	65	45 75	45 75	
Biltmore	446	2	2	2						4		1	40	5	45	30 00	30 00	
Enfield	447	3	2	8	1				1	1			89	1	90	67 50	67 50	
Lone Oak	449	2	3	5	5							6	104	1	105	78 00	78 00	
Polenta	450	2			1								14	1	15	10 50	10 50	
Ashler	451	3	3	2									39		39	29 25	29 25	
Grifton	452	2	2	3	1							1	37	1	38	27 75	27 75	
Clyde	453	6	6	6		2				1		1	74		74	55 50	55 50	
Elkin	454	2	3	3			1						33	6	39	25 50	25 50	

Pineville	455	6	5	5	5	.....	4	1	1	21	21	15	75
Rusk	456	17	16	16	1	1	1	1	1	42	47	31	50
Grapevine	457	8	6	6	1	1	11	1	6	51	53	39	75
Dillsboro	459						1	6	2	32	32	24	00
Henrietta	460	6	5	4	4	0				47	47	35	25
Matthews	461	5	2	1	0			2	1	42	43	31	50
South Fork	462	5	4	5						65	65	48	75
Currituck	463	2	2	1	1	1	2			49	49	36	75
Boiling Springs	464	1	2	2	1	1	2		1	29	29	21	75
Gulf	465						3			21	25	15	75
King Hiram	466	1	1	1	1	1	3			33	33	24	75
Healing Springs	467	6	7	7			1			73	79	54	75
Sanford	469	6							1	51	51	38	25
Grassy Knob	471	3	3	3	1					61	62	45	75
Sonoma	472	3	3	2	.....		1	3		44	44	33	00
Lexington	473	1	2	2	1			1	2	39	46	29	25
St. Paul's	474	2	3	3			2			34	36	25	50
Grimesland	475	3	3	3					6	53	53	39	75
Big Lick	476	6	2	1	1			1		32	32	24	00
Eagle Springs	477		1	1						22	22	16	50
Four Oaks	478	4	3	3			1	1	4	40	40	30	00
Rainbow	479						1	1		9	9	6	75
Mill Creek	480	2	2	2					1	30	33	22	50
Spring Hope	481	5	6	6	1		1	1	10	48	49	36	00
Saluda	482		2	1	1			1		18	19	13	50
Southern Pines	484	4	5	4			6		1	44	44	33	00
Brasstown	485	2	2	2	2			1	1	30	30	22	50
Lawndale	486	2	2	2	2			2		33	33	24	75
Statesville	487	1			3		2	1	2	44	65	33	00
Rich Square	488	2	2	1	1	1		1		33	34	24	75
Linville	489	19	14	10	1		3		2	46	46	34	50
Buggaboo	490	3	3	2			1			24	24	18	00
Hominy	491	1	1	1				1		27	32	20	25
Thomas M. Holt	492	1	1	1	2			2	1	36	41	27	00
Pilot	493	6	5	4	1			1		26	30	19	50

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John A. Graves.	494	3	6	5					7	1	1	40	6	46	30 00	30 00	
Rockingham	495	10	8	5	4	1		1	2	1	1	44	4	48	33 00	33 00	
Mooreville	496	2	2	3								45	18	63	33 75	33 75	
Royal Hart.	497	4	3	3	1				1		2	42	1	43	31 50	31 50	
Ayden	498	3	1	1					4	2	1	43	2	45	32 25	32 25	
Creedmoor	499	5	6	3	1				1	3		57	8	65	42 75	42 75	
Raleigh	500	5	1	1	3				1	1		74		74	55 50	55 50	
Red Springs	501	7	8	8	5				2	1	2	66	2	68	49 50	49 50	
Cookville	502	4	4	4	1				1			40		40	30 00	30 00	
Buies Creek	503	1	1						3			16	2	18	12 00	12 00	
Luke McGlaughan	504	5				2			1		1	41		41	30 75	30 75	
Cherryville	505	4	2	2	4					2	1	36		36	27 00	27 00	
Unaka	506	6	3	6		1					3	59	2	61	44 25	44 25	
Robertell	507	3	1	1	1				1	1		17		17	12 75	12 75	
Lattimore	508		2	1	1					1		36		36	27 00	27 00	
Belhaven	509	3	2	1	1							24		24	18 00	18 00	
Caroleen	510	4	4	5	2		1		1			46	4	50	34 50	34 50	
Barnardville	511	3	2	2					1		4	39		39	29 25	29 25	
Lone Hickory	512	2	3	7	4							36		36	27 00	27 00	
Sylva	513											36		36	27 00	27 00	
Scotland	514	3	3	3	1				3			23	4	27	17 25	17 25	
Whetstone	515	8	9	11				1	2			34	1	35	25 50	25 50	
Aulander	516	9	8	8						1	2	28	2	30	21 00	21 00	

Farmville	517	6	6	4	1							2	39		39	29	25
Shoal Creek	518	10	5	5	1							4	36		36	27	00
Widow's Son	519	5	5	3	1							1	32	2	34	24	00
Fairfield	520	2	3	2	2			2					15	2	17	11	25
Wanchese	521	4	1	1									32		32	24	00
Warsaw	522	2	2										17	99	36	12	75
Winterville	523	9	11	12	4							4	44		44	33	00
Pendleton	524	1	1	1					1			3	28		28	21	00
Rodgers	525	5	2	4								3	28		28	21	00
Buncombe	526																
Lucama	527	2	2	2	1							1	17	2	19	12	75
Ashpole	528	6	7	7	1								24		24	18	75
Andrews	529	4	4	7	1				2			1	35		35	26	25
Joppa	530	6	6	4	2							4	39		39	30	75
Ellenboro	531		1	1	2								27		27	20	25
Hamlet	532	4	4	4									31	31	62	23	25
Ottolay	533	4	3	3									10		10	7	50
Camp Call	534	4	6	4									25		25	18	75
Hollis	535	6	5	6	3							1	20		20	15	00
Boardman	536	4	4	1	2							6	24		24	18	00
Sharon	537	1	2	1	2								24		24	18	00
Williams	538	6	6	6	2								24		24	18	00
Caswell	539	7	7	7									17		17	12	75
State Road	540	9	9	8	2				2				15	1	16	11	25
Parkton	541	10	8	7	1							1	21		21	15	75
Corinthian	542	6	7	7	2								31		31	23	25
Spencer	543	19	13	10	8							5	40		40	30	00
Mount Holly	544	12	9	5	4							1	20		20	15	00
Shelmerdine	545	9	8	8									22		22	16	50
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The following lodges have not made returns for the Masonic year ending October 31, 1906, viz.: Royal White Hart, No. 2; Golden Fleece, No. 74; Mecklenburg, No. 176; Randleman, No. 209; Jefferson, No. 219; Cokesbury, No. 235; Wentworth, No. 324; Dobson, No. 402; Mountain Park, No. 445; Millington, No. 468; Scotland Neck, No. 470.



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# Report on Correspondence.

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*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina:*

Your Committee on Correspondence fraternally presents its eleventh annual report, which is a review and presentation of the Proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Lodges, a list of which is herewith appended.

We have striven earnestly to select for this report such items as will be of interest and profit to the rank and file of the North Carolina Fraternity, especially to those brethren who have but little opportunity for Masonic reading. If it shall, in any way, stimulate even a small number of our "less informed brethren" to further investigation and study of Masonic principles and usage, the expenditure of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for this purpose may prove to have been well invested.

As reported a year ago, the prosperity of the Craft universal is little short of marvelous, and universal harmony and peace shower their blessings upon the Fraternity. With the exception of some friction between some of the Grand Lodges of the Australasian group and the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, there is peace and good will everywhere, and Masonry is to be congratulated on account of these desirable conditions.

JNO. A. COLLINS, Chairman,

*for the Committee.*

## List of Grand Lodges whose Proceedings have been Received.

Alabama .....	1905	New Jersey.....	1906
Arizona .....	1905	New Mexico.....	1905
Arkansas.....	1905	New South Wales.....	1905
British Columbia.....	1906	New York.....	1906
California .....	1905	New Zealand.....	1905-1906
Canada .....	1906	Nevada .....	1906
Colorado .....	1906	North Dakota.....	1906
Connecticut .....	1906	Nova Scotia.....	1905
Delaware .....	1906	Ohio.....	1905
District of Columbia .....	1905	Oklahoma.....	1906
England .....	1906	Oregon.....	1906
Florida .....	1906	Pennsylvania.....	1905
Georgia .....	1905	Prince Edward Island.....	1906
Illinois.....	1906	Quebec.....	1906
Indiana .....	1906	Queensland.....	1906
Indian Territory.....	1906	Rhode Island .....	1906
Iowa .....	1906	South Australia.....	1906
Kansas.....	1906	South Carolina .....	1905
Louisiana.....	1906	South Dakota.....	1906
Maine .....	1906	Tasmania.....	1906
Manitoba.....	1906	Tennessee.....	1906
Maryland.....	1905	Texas.....	1905
Massachusetts.....	1905-1906	Utah.....	1906
Michigan.....	1906	Vermont.....	1906
Minnesota.....	1906	Virginia.....	1906
Mississippi .....	1906	West Australia.....	1906
Montana.....	1905	West Virginia.....	1905
Nebraska .....	1906	Wisconsin.....	1906
New Brunswick.....	1905	Wyoming.....	1906

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### ALABAMA.—1905.

85TH ANNUAL.

MONTGOMERY.

DECEMBER 5.

**T**WENTY-FOUR pages of this volume of Proceedings are devoted to the address of the Grand Master, Henry H. Matthews, and to a supplementary report by the Deputy Grand Master, Ben. M. Jacobs, during the temporary absence of Brother Matthews, while away in search of health. The paper, as a whole, gives a full account of the



labors of their administrations. The entire record relates to matters of domestic interest only.

Dispensations were granted for various purposes, but those for the organization of new lodges seem to us to have been unwise, since the membership of the new lodges varied from seven to fifteen. In the formation of these eleven new lodges there was a total membership of 110, making the average ten, a number too small for continued prosperity. In this connection, and as showing the perils of these weak organizations, the Grand Master found it necessary to continue dispensations in eight instances. We appreciate the pressure brought upon Grand Masters by brethren who are remote from lodge privileges, but it is apparent that the removal or death of one or two members of these feeble lodges may have the effect of preventing a meeting for many months.

Seventeen decisions were reported by the Grand Master and four by the Deputy Grand Master, and these, after some paring and sandpapering by the Jurisprudence Committee, were approved as in accord with Masonic law.

It is gratifying to note that the financial condition of the Grand Lodge is improving, and that its bonded indebtedness is only six thousand dollars, and that in the coming year this sum will be reduced by the payment of two thousand dollars more.

The Committee on Correspondence in reporting upon the request for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, recommended that action be deferred until the next Annual Communication. This report was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, but we fail to find any report from that Committee. The request for recognition by the Grand Lodges Cosmos and Valle de Mexico was denied on recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, through its chairman, Bro. W. Y. Titcomb, and this report was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Orient of Brazil shared the same fate.

The infliction of discipline is, unfortunately, sometimes

the duty of every Grand Lodge, but the publication of these shameful disclosures subserves no good purposes, and had better be left out of the printed record. Many Grand Lodges print only the number of the lodge to which the delinquent belongs, but the Fraternity knows the individual and the grade of his punishment.

Some of the Alabama brethren are very much in earnest in their purpose to establish a Masonic Home, and to that end commenced last year a campaign of education and have continued it for the purpose of teaching the rank and file of the Craft the crying need of this institution. Our individual opinion is that if the funds required for the establishment of the plant and the amounts annually appropriated for its maintenance were invested at 4 per cent. the resulting interest would enable the Grand Lodge, through its Subordinate Lodges, to relieve more distressed Masons and their dependents than could possibly be accomplished in any institution. We know, however, that we are in the minority, and we have no quarrel with the brethren who think contrariwise.

The number of chartered lodges is 426, under dispensation 5, a total of 431 on the roll. The membership is 16,667, a total gain of 1,274.

Two hundred and sixty-nine pages of this volume are profitably devoted to the report of the Correspondence Committee, and in it Brother W. Y. Titcomb has condensed matters of most interest found in the Proceedings of sixty-five Grand Jurisdictions, some of them for two years, making the review cover sixty-nine volumes. The Proceedings of North Carolina for 1905 receives kindly consideration in a review covering four pages. We are glad that Brother Titcomb agrees with us on the subject of making Masons at sight and the display of the American flag in Masonic lodges. We desire to thank Brother Titcomb for his complimentary notice of our work and more particularly for his admirable report.

HENRY H. MATTHEWS, *M. W. Grand Master.*

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

## ARIZONA.—1905.

24TH ANNUAL.

FLAG STAFF.

NOVEMBER 14.

THIS volume of Proceedings, very much reduced in size, contains the likeness of Grand Master George Shand. Beside the proceedings proper, occupying barely thirty pages, the volume contains the roster of its nineteen lodges and the list of Grand Officers since the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1882. The absence of the admirable Reports on Correspondence, which for ten years past have been prepared by Brother Charles D. Belden, is missed particularly by the members of the Guild.

The address of the Grand Master, owing to his absence in California on account of failing health, was read by the Deputy Grand Master, Edwin S. Miller. It is a very brief paper, and all the official acts reported were approved by the Grand Lodge.

The year has been prosperous, funds ample, and a small growth in the membership. The Committee on the Grand Master's address expressed the sympathy of the Grand Lodge in the following extract:

That it has examined the Address with more than ordinary interest, and hereby tender our heartfelt sympathy to our Grand Master in the great affliction through which he has passed, and the suffering he is enduring from the disease which has fastened upon him, resulting in his removal from our Territory, and depriving him of the many blessings he has enjoyed in the happy home he so long maintained within the border of our Masonic Jurisdiction.

We sincerely hope for his early recovery and return to our midst and old-time friends; and likewise to thank him personally for the able administration he has given us.

The number of lodges is 19, and the membership 1,292, a gain of 101 over last year.

EDWIN S. MILLER, *M. W. Grand Master.*

GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

## ARKANSAS.—1906.

63RD ANNUAL.

LITTLE ROCK.

NOVEMBER 21.

THE portrait of Grand Master elect A. B. Grace forms the frontispiece of the volume.

The address of the Grand Master, Styles T. Rowe, is a brief document, in which he reports his official doings for the year, and is remarkable in that it had no decisions.

Authoritative action was taken by the Grand Lodge for securing the funds necessary for the building and equipping a Masonic Home, and this action was made known to the Fraternity at large, in the jurisdiction, by the publication of an edict from the Grand Lodge. The last section of this edict provides, "that no contract for the building of the Home shall be let until the entire sum of money for the completion of the same shall be in hand."

The report of the Grand Secretary, Brother Fay Hempstead, gives a very full and interesting account of all matters which have been referred to his office.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence recommended that the request for recognition by the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Guatemala, "be denied for the present." The same Committee recommended that Fraternal recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Queensland and to the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, but the application of contending Grand Lodges in Greece and the Argentine Grand Orient of the "Blue Rite" were deferred for future action.

An effort was made to engraft upon the law of the jurisdiction a new one giving any Past Master the right to open a lodge and transact its usual business in the absence of the Master and both Wardens, but it failed to receive any support or favor.

The Grand Orator, Brother F. G. Lindsay, delivered a long and eloquent address, which is published in the Proceedings, and for which he received the thanks of the Grand Lodge.

A cut of the home of Albert Pike, when he lived in Little Rock, is found in the volume, and is of interest because it was built by Brother Pike, and became the home subsequently of Brother John G. Fletcher, a prominent Mason and man of affairs, who died January 31, 1906.

The laws of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas have been liberal in considering questions of physical qualifications, for the last few years, but this resolution, adopted at this session, restores the old requirements in this regard:

*Resolved*, That the Edict of this Grand Lodge of date November 19, 1902 at page 81 of Proceedings of 1902, allowing maimed persons to be made Masons, be and the same is hereby repealed.

An attempt was made to restore the biennial sessions of the Grand Lodge, but a large majority of the brethren present believed the Grand Lodge was able to pay its way every year, and declined to go back to the two year plan.

The subject of requiring documentary evidence of good standing was fully discussed, and, on recommendation of the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage, that plan was deemed to be inadvisable.

The number of lodges is 498, and the total membership 17,480, a net gain of 723.

A. B. GRACE, *M. W. Grand Master*.

FAY HEMPSTEAD, *R. W. Grand Secretary*.

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#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.—1906

35TH ANNUAL.

VICTORIA.

JUNE 21.

THREE portraits of distinguished Freemasons of the Province, Past Grand Masters Eli Harrison, Sen., Esq., Coote M. Chambers, Esq., and the retiring Grand Master, Thomas J. Armstrong, Esq.

In a carefully prepared address, Grand Master Armstrong reports the important acts of his administration.

One of the Grand Master's decisions arises from dual

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membership, which does not prevail in the United States. This is the question and answer:

Question 1. Does the suspension of a Brother (a member of a Lodge in British Columbia) by his Lodge in Ontario for non-payment of dues, affect his standing here?

Answer. Yes.

All the decisions were approved, except two, which relate to physical disqualifications, and, in this case, they seemed so unimportant that we are disposed to agree entirely with the Grand Master. They are:

Question 8. Does the loss of the little and ring fingers of the right hand bar a person from making application to a Lodge?

Answer. No.

Question 9. Is an applicant having only one eye eligible for Degrees?

Answer. Yes.

The Grand Master made quite a number of official visits, and in each case he was cordially received.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge was reported to be entirely satisfactory, except in one particular, which relates to a large arrearage of dues, now amounting to more than \$10,000.

He reports this action taken upon learning of the disaster to the City of San Francisco, and it was cordially approved by the Grand Lodge. He says:

It was with feelings of the deepest regret that we all learned of the terrible disaster which overtook the City of San Francisco, and when the cry of distress reached us we would not have been worthy of an Order pledged to universal benevolence had we stood quietly aloof, and allowed others to perform all the work of relieving the distressed, so I decided to authorize, on your behalf, the purchase of provisions to the amount of \$261.00. These were shipped on the 20th April in care of the Deputy Grand Master of California, and were distributed under his supervision.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters indicate that the lodges generally are in prosperous condition and doing good work, and these useful officers are strongly



commended for the zeal and efficiency displayed in the discharge of their duties.

Through a special report of the Committee on Correspondence, the young Grand Lodge of Alberta was fraternally recognized, and congratulations extended for the auspicious circumstances of its birth. The same Committee recommended that no action be taken on the application of the spurious so-called Grand Lodge in Massachusetts, the offspring of the clandestine Grand Lodge of Ohio.

In the Province of British Columbia there are forty-one Subordinate Lodges, with a total membership of 3,051, an increase of 220 in the year.

They have disbursed in charity to members \$345.60; to widows and orphans \$934.40, and to sojourning Masons in need \$439.50. In this connection it is gratifying to make this extract from the report of the Committee on Charity, which was adopted:

According to instructions from Grand Lodge, we your committee recommend that the sum of \$100.00 be granted for the relief of the widowed mother and invalid sister of deceased Bro. J. Battcock, United Service Lodge No. 24.

The Report on Correspondence is furnished by the usual painstaking reporter, Brother W. A. DeWolf-Smith, and covers 271 pages—about two-thirds of the volume—in which the transactions of North Carolina for 1906 receive careful consideration.

In reviewing the report of Grand Master Liddell on the subject of granting special dispensations for conferring degrees, out of time, he makes the following sensible comments:

The few dispensations granted were to elect and install officers and to receive and act upon petitions for the degrees without waiting the prescribed time. The Grand Master states that he found it hard to refuse requests for the latter, but thinks that the Grand Master has no right to grant these dispensations unless he is convinced that to refuse would be to injure the Institution. He asks the Lodges not to embarrass the Grand Master by asking him to disregard a law which he is sworn to



observe. We cannot imagine a case where Masonry would be injured by a refusal to grant one of these dispensations. It is more likely to be the case that injury will result from granting them. If the Grand Master is sworn to support a law of the Grand Lodge what justification has he for breaking it.

There are many things in this report that we would be glad to extract, for the benefit of our readers, but lack of space forbids.

JAMES H. SCHOFIELD, *M. W. Grand Master.*

R. E. BRETT, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### CALIFORNIA.—1905.

56TH ANNUAL.

SAN FRANCISCO.

OCTOBER 10.

THE likeness of the retiring Grand Master, George W. Hunter, forms the frontispiece of the volume. This volume of transactions is very much less bulky than any of its predecessors for the last ten years. Motives of economy have led to this change, but nevertheless the book is of fair size, having over four hundred pages.

The address of the Grand Master, covering nearly thirty pages of the volume is a strong, well written paper, in which he gives an account of the official acts of a successful administration. Every matter affecting the interest of the Grand Jurisdiction receives thoughtful and thorough consideration. He reports the Craft to be prosperous and harmonious, and has this to say of the growth of the Fraternity:

For several years past each successive Grand Master in his Annual Address has alluded to the general prosperity of this Institution and its phenomenal growth in numerical strength, each one showing a marked increase over the other, but the year just closed has witnessed a gain not quite as large as was made last year.

Eight dispensations to form new Lodges have been granted, and there has been a net gain of two thousand one hundred and five members, making the total number of Lodges within this Jurisdiction two hundred and ninety-nine, with a membership at the present time of thirty-one thousand, six hundred and nineteen.

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The Masonic Home, as is usual in jurisdictions having these institutions, receives the earnest consideration of the Grand Master, and from the following extract it would seem that he is in doubt as to this being the best means of caring for the helpless, a doubt that we have entertained always. After a visit to the Home and spending a night there he says:

No complaints were made to me, and I made it a point to visit most of the Brothers there. They are feeble and not able to work. Some of the founders of the Home, in their enthusiasm, declared that in time it would become mainly self-supporting. I do not believe that time will ever come. If it were to do over again, it may be that it would have been better not to have built the Home but to have created a fund of some sort which could have been used to help subordinate Lodges when necessary to support their aged and unfortunate members, their widows and orphans, they to remain among their friends in the places where the Lodges were located, and the associations were dear to them.

Near the close of his address the Grand Master pays the following tribute to the Masonry of California:

We, the representatives of the various Lodges in this Jurisdiction, certainly take pride in such an assemblage as this. We know something of what has been accomplished by Masonry in California; a few have watched its growth from the beginning, and many are familiar with its history.

Without effort it has steadily advanced, and it has placed its impress upon the civilization and institutions of our commonwealth. Its teachings are salutary and ennobling. No man can long be identified with it without having higher aspirations and a nicer conception of his duties to his fellow-man. It awakens noble impulses and incites and encourages an ambition to be helpful and to do good. Every one of us can bear testimony to the benefits we have derived from it, and we have frequently witnessed the blessings it has showered upon others. Its charities are unbounded and yet without ostentation. It inculcates morality, improves citizenship, and uplifts humanity. As a character builder it has no superior; it makes men more considerate of the rights of others, more affectionate toward their families, and more fraternal in their intercourse with their fellow-men.

The decisions of the Grand Master covered a considerable part of his report, and were carefully prepared expo-

sitions of Masonic law and usage, and received the approval of the Jurisprudence Committee in an elaborate report.

The Grand Secretary reports the present condition of the Craft as follows:

At the date of last report there were two hundred and ninety-one Lodges borne upon the roll of the Grand Lodge, with a membership of twenty-nine thousand, four hundred and sixty-eight. Since that time eight dispensations to form new Lodges have been granted, being a gain of eight Lodges, and added to above makes a total number of Lodges now in existence in this jurisdiction two hundred and ninety-nine, with a membership of thirty-one thousand five hundred and sixty-one; being a net gain for the year of eight Lodges and two thousand one hundred and fifty-one members.

The Boards of Relief of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Diego and Sacramento have, as usual, expended for the needy of their own households as well as for the helpless wayfaring brother, an immense amount of money.

The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, the good work of Brother William A. Davies, and although in future they say he will be restricted to fifty pages, he has taken advantage of his last chance, and spread himself over a hundred and seventy-nine pages, to the profit of every reader. We quote a part of his conclusion:

Before closing this report, in which is chronicled the wonderful progress and prosperity of a great Fraternity during the preceding decade, it may be well to attach as a quieting sedative to its possibly "too rapid pulse," and for the information of our Lodges whose officers are called upon to examine and pass upon dimitts and diplomas from the infected districts, we publish a roster of clandestine lodges, with their location, a majority of them being chickens hatched in the incubator of that nest of Masonic villians, "The Cerneau Grand Lodge of Ohio." At the same time we remind our Brethren and call their attention to the difference between "clandestine" and "Irregular Masons": "A clandestine Mason is one who received the degrees in a lodge unlawfully existing." "An Irregular Mason is one who received the degrees in an irregular manner in a lawfully constituted Lodge."

A clandestine Mason has no Masonic standing, and cannot be healed.

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An irregular Mason has Masonic standing, and it is only necessary to correct the irregularity in his making to enable him to enter himself on the Tyler's register as a just and upright Mason.

MOTLEY H. FLINT, *M. W. Grand Master.*

GEORGE JOHNSON, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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# CANADA.—1906.

51ST ANNUAL.

TORONTO.

JULY 18.

**T**HREE Special Communications of the Grand Lodge were held for the purpose of laying corner stones.

The address of the Grand Master, James H. Burritt, is a wonderfully well written Masonic paper, in which he gives, in about twenty-five pages, a lucid account of the most important acts of his administration.

The state of the Craft is briefly stated in the following extract:

The general state of the Craft in the jurisdiction is healthy; our net membership has increased by about 2,500, making our total membership over 37,000. Our income for the year to the 31st May last, was \$34,377.19, as against \$33,011.18 last year, showing a net increase of \$1,366.01. This is very gratifying, as our Jubilee year was the largest in our history to that time, evidencing that we are making that progress which we all desire.

The importance of the question of prompt payment of dues is a source of anxiety to the Grand Master, and he appeals to Worshipful Masters to carefully consider this question during his term of office. His views on this important point, shared by many Grand Masters and brethren, are as follows:

My own opinion is, if you can be assured of any brother's inability to pay his indebtedness, it would be better to remit his arrears and retain his membership. A Mason suspended from his lodge for non-payment is in a very regrettable position; probably from no fault of his he is ostracized from a society whose associations for good are unquestioned, and it is far more in accordance with our teachings of charity to give him the benefit of the doubt and still call him brother.

The Fraternal dead are appropriately referred to.

He reports having wired \$1,025 for the relief of the California sufferers, and his action received the strong endorsement of the Grand Lodge.

The young Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized as an independent Masonic body.

His rulings, not very numerous, received the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

He reports several official visits, the most notable and perhaps the most enjoyable was that to the Grand Lodge of New York, on the 2nd of May, 1906, of which he gives a brief though graphic account.

A pleasant episode at the conclusion of the Grand Master's address was the presentation of a double jubilee medal, typical of the fifty years of life of the Grand Lodge and of the fifty years in Masonry of Brother A. A. Stevenson, the oldest Past Grand Master of the jurisdiction, and by order of the Grand Master it was made specially appropriate that the presentation address should be made by the next oldest Past Grand Master, the Hon. Senator J. K. Kerr, who had himself been a Mason for forty years.

These brethren in Canada and the other colonies are always directing their efforts to the building up of large benevolent funds, and they have now in the semi-centennial fund of benevolence of the Grand Lodge over \$30,000, which, in July, 1907, they declare must reach \$100,000. In this connection, the Grand Treasurer reports having paid, on account of benevolence, from June 1905 to May 1906, the sum of \$22,110 to needy brothers, widows and orphans.

Two hundred and twenty-four pages of this volume are given over to the reports of the District Deputies in the twenty-one districts. These officers are painstaking, and report what they find with very little whitewashing. It is no wonder that the lodges are prosperous and useful under this careful and methodical supervision.

The Report on Correspondence is prepared by Past Grand Master Henry Robertson, and is a very clear exhibit

of the most important events in sixty-three Grand Lodges. Brother Robertson reviews the Proceedings of North Carolina for 1906, and pays us the compliment of quoting what we had to say to Brother Hedges of Montana on the subject of Masonic Homes.

JAMES H. BURRITT, K. C., *M. W. Grand Master*.  
HUGH MURRAY, *R. W. Grand Secretary*.

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### COLORADO.—1906.

46TH ANNUAL.

DENVER.

SEPTEMBER 18.

**P**HOTOGRAPHS of the Grand Master-elect, Arthur E. Jones, and of Brother Lawrence N. Greenleaf, known to the Craft universal as the poet correspondent of the Grand Lodge, adorn the volume.

The address of the Grand Master, Charles F. Painter, is a voluminous document, covering 37 pages of the volume, and reporting in detail his official acts. He reported the death and burial by the Craft of two distinguished brothers, Albert H. Branch and John Humphreys, Deputy Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden, respectively.

He issued dispensations for the formation of three new lodges, and very many special dispensations.

There was no need for reporting any decisions.

His official visitations, and very important functions they are, were so numerous that their record occupies over twelve pages.

The San Francisco earthquake and fire prompted the Grand Master to forward a gift of \$500, at once, to the Master of California, and to issue a call to the lodges. Their answer is thus reported by the Grand Master:

I am gratified to say, in response to my call, the Masons of Colorado proved themselves worthy of our Grand Fraternity, and that they can always be relied upon to do their utmost to aid and alleviate the distress of others. The various Lodges responded promptly and cheerfully and the sum of \$3,754.70 was sent to the Grand Master of California. A



detailed statement of contributions will be found in the report of the Grand Secretary.

He, in person, or by proxy, called three Special Communications for the purpose of laying corner stones. Invitation to conduct another ceremonial of this kind in December 1905 was declined by the Grand Master, and we heartily commend him. He gives this brief account of the matter:

In December, 1905, I received a communication from R. A. Kincaid, Potentate of El Jebel Temple, Mystic Shrine, at Denver Colorado, stating that the officers of said El Jebel Temple thought it would be a good plan to have the corner-stone of their proposed new building to be erected in the City of Denver, laid by the Grand Lodge; and he, therefore, desired to know if it would be agreeable to me to conduct this ceremony some time in the early part of May, 1906. After due consideration of this matter, I wrote Brother Kincaid declining to perform this ceremony for them, giving as my reason that, in my opinion, this building was not a public building such as is contemplated in Masonry, the corner stone of which should be laid by the Grand Lodge; said building being erected by a private corporation organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, and is not being erected, as is generally admitted, for Masonic purposes.

From the Grand Master's conclusion we take this extract, which is fully verified by the record:

The past year has been an extremely busy one. The office of Grand Master is no sinecure, as I have just learned by experience. The work connected with the office in this Grand Jurisdiction seems to be constantly on the increase, and the time is not far distant when, to serve the Craft in Colorado faithfully and honestly, will mean very little if any time for anything else.

Judging from the reports of Committees and Trustees having charge of funds for the Grand Lodge, its financial condition is entirely satisfactory. In this connection, it is noted that the H. P. H. Bromwell Masonic Publishing Company has repaid \$825 of the sum borrowed from the Grand Lodge last year, and it is hoped that the final payment will be made before the next Annual Communication.

Through the report of the Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Lodge of Alberta was duly recognized and the request of Queensland was put back on the file.



An oration on the influence of Masonry was delivered by Brother John B. Haffy, and published in the Proceedings.

The bicentenary celebration of the Grand Lodge of England, suggested by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, was laid over for consideration until the next Annual Communication.

A valuable "Memorial Regarding the Powers and Prerogatives of Grand Lodges" was presented by Past Grand Master Henry M. Tiller, and at his request referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. On recommendation of the Committee, the Memorial is printed in the Proceedings, and the Committee states, that if desired, action can be taken at the next Communication.

There are 110 lodges, with a total membership of 11,501.

The Report on Correspondence, 227 pages, is, as usual, contributed by Brother Lawrence N. Greenleaf, who, in his usual fraternal and able manner, reviews the Proceedings of sixty-three Grand Jurisdictions.

Brother Greenleaf summarized thoroughly the transactions of North Carolina for 1906; and his prophecy that the laying of a corner stone of a bank building would provoke criticism, has been verified more than once.

From his conclusion as to the active charities of the Free Masons of Great Britain and her colonies, to which we have often adverted, we make this extract:

In the direction of charity and loving kindness, it is dotting our own land with homes and shelter for aged and indigent Brethren, their widows and orphans. Where these are deemed impracticable it extends its helping hand through the medium of relief funds established for that purpose. Looking abroad, the charities dispensed by the Grand Lodges of the British Isles are of such munificent proportions as to excite our wonder and admiration. Their progeny, wherever the flag of England floats, following the parental example, make it their first thought to establish permanent Benevolent Funds, and the work of relief accomplished through such means forms a large part of their Proceedings.

ARTHUR E. JONES, *M. W. Grand Master.*

CHARLES H. JACOBSON, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

## CONNECTICUT.—1906.

118TH ANNUAL.

HARTFORD.

JANUARY 17.

THE pictorial adornments consist of the portraits of the retiring Grand Master, Asa P. Fitch, and of two distinguished deceased brethren, Luke A. Lockwood, Grand Master in 1872 and 1873, and Nelson G. Hinckley, who for thirty-five years served as Grand Trustee.

In his address, Grand Master Fitch welcomed the Craft to this Annual Grand Communication, and offered affectionate tribute to the memory of Brothers Hinckley and Lockwood.

As a result of numerous visitations, the Grand Master feels warranted in saying that never before have the officers exhibited such proficiency, nor the lodges so good and uniform work.

The Masonic Home, having received seventeen visits from the Grand Master during the year, he is in a position to speak with full knowledge of the condition and needs of the institution. He is imbued with the zeal which is always productive of tangible results. He closes his reference to the Home with the following account of a visit to the institution:

Having received an invitation from the President and Board of Managers to be present and also to invite all subordinate lodges and several chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star in this jurisdiction to be present and assist in celebrating the tenth anniversary of the dedication of our Masonic Home September 27. I accordingly caused to be forwarded to the above Orders, August 28, a circular requesting the members and their friends to accompany me on this day, usually termed Grand Master's day, to Wallingford. The day was an unusually pleasant one. About 1,500 were present and passed an enjoyable day. The addresses, recitations, singing by the Temple Quartette of Wallingford, and music by the Sphinx Temple band, were very much enjoyed by all, and especially so by the members of the Home. A fine display of products grown on the farm were on exhibition and received great praise from all the farmers present.

A reception was given to the Grand Officers of the Order of the Eastern Star and Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Masons.

Now, Brethren, don't ever let this day be abolished, for it is not only an outing for us, but is a green spot in the minds of our brothers and sisters at our Home once a year.

In connection with the support and maintenance of the Home, the Grand Master offers deserved recognition to the bodies of The Eastern Star, for their untiring efforts for the promotion of this great charity. He says:

I am more and more impressed each year of the importance of this organization by the important work which it is doing for our Home. The members are contributing something nearly every month, besides money for the comfort of its members, and are, I am confident, doing more for our Home in proportion to its membership than the brethren of the various lodges in this Jurisdiction.

They not only help by contributing money and useful articles, but by the good words of cheer which they convey to the aged members of our Home. I hope all within the sound of my voice will be present tomorrow morning and listen to the reports of the Charity Foundation of Connecticut and note the contributions of various chapters of the Eastern Star. I wish to thank them most heartily for everything which they have done to promote the comfort and happiness of our aged brothers and sisters at Wallingford.

With the oversight of the Grand Officers, the close attention of the District Deputies and the financial prosperity of the individual lodges, it is no wonder that the condition of the Craft is prosperous, harmonious and useful.

There are, in this Grand Jurisdiction, 110 Subordinate Lodges, with a membership of 20,087, and an average membership to the lodge of 183.

The Report on Correspondence covers 197 pages, in which Brother John H. Barlow reviews the Proceedings of all the English speaking Grand Lodges that have come to his hands. He gives kind consideration to the transactions of North Carolina for 1905. He disapproves the decision of the Grand Master, as to the ineligibility of a candidate having a double hair lip, "if he could speak the word right." That's just where the trouble begins, for the defect seriously affects the speech.

BENJAMIN F. TURNER, *M. W. Grand Master.*

JOHN H. BARLOW, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

## DELAWARE.—1906.

101ST ANNUAL.

WILMINGTON.

OCTOBER 3.

**T**HE likeness of Grand Master Levin Irving Handy occupies the fly leaf.

Several Special Communications were held, the most notable being that of June 7, 1906, for the appropriate celebration of its 100th anniversary. At which were present many distinguished brethren from other jurisdictions. Although the brethren had made preparation for this event it was found necessary to make requisition upon the reserve fund.

The address of Grand Master Handy is a comparatively brief paper, covering less than ten pages, but containing many valuable thoughts and suggestions.

He reports having visited every lodge in the jurisdiction once and some of them twice during the year, and as to the value and importance of these visits he says, in part, and we cordially agree with him:

The real seat of Masonic interest is in the Subordinate Lodges. The older members of the Grand Lodge, who have been coming here for many years, have a natural attachment for the Grand Lodge as such; but I believe it is true that no Mason will long keep a true and warm interest in Masonic matters if he neglects his Subordinate Lodge, attends none of its meetings and gets out of touch with its membership. Our Masonic obligations were taken at the altar of a Subordinate Lodge, and it is by gathering around that same altar that we are most likely to preserve their binding effect on mind and conscience. It was in a Subordinate Lodge that we first observed the chaste beauty of Masonic Symbols, and there that we first heard the lofty principles of right living which Masonry inculcates. It is by regular attendance at the Subordinate Lodge that the light by which Masons work and live may most surely continue to shine and illumine our minds and make plain the path of duty.

Speaking of the impairment of the Reserve Fund, on account of the centennial celebration, the Grand Master recommended that this fund be restored to its original proportions by levying a per capita tax of 25c every year upon

every member for four years, and the Grand Lodge adopted the suggestion.

He also reports visits to sister Grand Jurisdictions, and having been very cordially received, and he reciprocated the courtesies by extending invitations to the contiguous jurisdictions of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, District of Columbia and Virginia.

The response of this small, but compact jurisdiction to the cry of distress from San Francisco was prompt and liberal, amounting to \$1,836.85, which was forwarded without the "expense of even a postage stamp."

At the cost of taking up much of our space, we transfer part of the Grand Master's remarks on the improper use of the blackball. His strictures are so wise that we commend them specially to our readers, (*italics ours*):

The blackball, which represents spite or prejudice or personal enmity and ill-will is unworthy of any Mason. *It proves not that the applicant ought to be kept out, but that somebody is already in who ought to be put out.* We had 109 rejected candidates in this jurisdiction last year. I wonder how many of them, if any, were rejected by the single black ball prompted by unworthy motives. It hardly seems likely that more than one-third of all the applicants who were recommended by two members and found worthy by an investigating committee were in point of fact unworthy. The proportion is too great. It certainly means either that some of the brethren are grossly careless about the men they recommend or else that some of the brethren are spiteful rather than conscientious when they approach the ballot. When the figures show, as they do in some Subordinate Lodges, that from one-half to three-fourths of the applicants are rejected, it certainly seems to indicate that somebody in that particular Lodge is determined that future members shall be a good deal better men than he is himself. I do not desire to be understood as complaining of the law of the black ball. I would not change it if I could. It is right just as it is. But if I could I would so build up in all of the brethren the ideal of a Mason's duty at the ballot, his duty to truth, to Masonry and to honor, that not a member would be left in our jurisdiction who would sink low enough to cast a ballot dictated by spite, prejudice, or personal ill-will.

His first four decisions were approved, and rightly we think.

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Delaware flies a flag, the imitation of which we commend to those brethren who believe in the display of the Stars and Stripes in Masonic lodges. This is the flag:

Brethren: Your committee appointed to devise and procure a flag for the M. W. Grand Lodge beg to report that they have performed that duty and have provided a flag of white field with Square and Compasses and letter G emblazoned thereon, and which is now displayed from the roof of this building.

In the jurisdiction of Delaware there are 22 lodges, with a total membership of 2,772.

Compressed within 88 pages, Brother L. H. Jackson has given an excellent review of the most important transactions of 66 Grand Jurisdictions. The Proceedings of North Carolina for 1905 passed under the kindly notice of Brother Jackson, who finds nothing to criticize and much to commend, especially the Oxford Orphan Asylum and its management. He wishes success to the movement looking to the erection of a Masonic Temple in Raleigh.

ROBERT K. STEPHENSON, *M. W. Grand Master.*

BENJAMIN F. BARTRAM, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—1905.

95TH ANNUAL.

WASHINGTON.

DECEMBER 20.

THE portrait of Grand Master Lurtin R. Ginn adorns the volume.

Special Communications were held for the purpose of laying corner stones, performing burial services and constituting a new lodge.

Of the corner stone laying, the most notable and important was that of the building to be erected by the order of "The Eastern Star," as "a Home for indigent Masons, their widows and orphans and their dependent relatives who are members of the order of The Eastern Star." The ladies of this organization requested permission of the Grand Lodge to name the institution The Masonic



and Eastern Star Home, and the Grand Lodge properly, as we believe, gave them permission.

We copy from the address of the Grand Master, as showing, in part, the importance and scope of this enterprise:

The managers of the home have not suggested any contribution from this Grand Lodge or the constituent Lodges of this jurisdiction, but they have suggested that if the Grand Lodge takes favorable action upon my recommendation, they would be glad to have the Grand Lodge represented on their board of directors for the purpose of seeing to it that there is never any abuse of the privilege granted. Brethren, while no suggestion of contribution is now made, I state it to you as my prediction, and mine alone, that before another half decade rolls around our brethren will gladly and voluntarily take upon themselves an annual tax of twenty-five or fifty cents per capita towards supporting and extending the work of the home, and this whether it has the name "Masonic" or not.

It was my pleasure a few days ago to visit the site of the home and observe the improvements already made. The western wing of the building is completed without and is being rapidly pushed to completion within. It is solidly built, and is being handsomely and substantially finished. This section will be ready for occupancy in the early spring, and will afford accommodations for at least forty people. There will not be one cent of indebtedness upon it, the Eastern Star people having the money in hand to pay for it in full when completed. Ways and means are now well under way for its furnishings.

The building is surrounded by ten acres of choice land, much of which can be profitably cultivated, especially in gardening. The location is ideal, and take it all in all, this enterprise is destined to reflect great credit and commendable effort upon the Craft of this jurisdiction, as it already does upon the members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Grand Master Ginn reports the condition of the Craft of the District to be entirely satisfactory, and the reports of the other Grand Officers confirm his statements.

Another striking evidence of prosperity is shown by the financial condition of the newly chartered lodge, King Solomon, No. 31. It has met and paid every expense, and has now \$147.50 in its treasury.

The Grand Lodge decided that visitors not vouched for and having other necessary qualifications should in addition



have documentary evidence of good standing in a regular lodge.

The Grand Lodge has "taken time by the forelock," and is making ample provision for the celebration of its one hundredth anniversary, which, we feel assured, will be a ceremonial in keeping with the dignity of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Guatemala was duly recognized as a regular and independent Grand Lodge.

The proposition coming from the Grand Lodge of Alabama to make the birthday of Benjamin Franklin a Masonic memorial day was unfavorably acted upon; and so also fared the proposition of Brother Morcombe, in regard to sending delegates to the Grand Lodge of England, on the 200th anniversary of its formation; but the Grand Lodge appointed a committee, who recommended a plan of lodge service which would be appropriate for the 24th of June, 1917.

The decisions of the Grand Master were approved as in accord with Masonic law and usage.

The formation of a clandestine lodge, an offshoot of the Pinney Grand Lodge of Ohio, was nipped in the bud, by the prompt notification which the Grand Master sent to every Subordinate Lodge.

This is the condition of the Craft as told by the Grand Master:

The amount of work done by the Lodges in the Masonic year ending September 30, 1905, was highly satisfactory. Every constituent Lodge showed a net gain in membership, small, it is true, in some because of heavy losses by death, withdrawals, etc. At the close of the year on September 30, 1904, the total membership of the jurisdiction was 7,365. During the year 511 were initiated, 481 passed, 493 raised, 119 affiliated, and 54 reinstated. There were 84 withdrawals, 133 deaths, 87 dropped for non-payment of dues, 1 suspension, and 1 expulsion. The total membership September 30, 1905, was 7,726, a net gain of 361 for the year. The Lodges have guarded well their portals against the admission of undesirable or unworthy material, as is evidenced by the large number of rejections. The finances of the Lodges are as a rule in splendid condition. The returns show an increase in cash over last year of \$2,115.97, and an increase of assets of \$10,649.57, of which the sum

of \$6,758.40 was in substantial, interest-bearing securities; all of which is most gratifying.

There has been a commendable interest in all the lodges along every line of Masonic activity. Peace, harmony and good fellowship have reigned supreme, and an era of general good feeling has prevailed every where.

The Report on Correspondence, 190 pages, reviews the Proceedings of seventy-five Grand Lodges; and in this work, Brother George W. Baird, the reporter, proves that he is a Master Craftsman. The transactions of North Carolina for 1905 are fully summarized, and we copy his criticism of the report of the Committee on Appeals. We have been making the same complaint against the forms used, and it is gratifying to see that some changes are being made in this regard. Brother Baird says:

The report of the Committee on Appeals is O. K. in equity, but, like our own, and like fifty others, it prints too much. Think of it! The enemies of Masonry may obtain a copy of any of our reports; turning to the pages on grievances and appeals they can find just such examples, designated by name, lodge, number, etc., with scurrilous offenses set forth, which will enable those enemies to hold up such cases as the horrible examples of Masonry. Of course, such garblers will print only what suits their purpose, always suppressing the fact that our purpose is to discipline.

Though it is essential that all such reports should be full enough to enable each of the members of the Grand Lodge to understand fully and to act intelligently, yet the editing of the report could, and should, so present the subject for publication that the record would be sufficient for our purpose but not sufficient for the purpose of our enemies.

WALTER A. BROWN, *M. W. Grand Master.*

ARVINE W. JOHNSTON, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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ENGLAND—1906.

THE annual grand festival of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England, was held at Free Masons hall, London, April 25, 1906; and had for its purpose the investiture of Grand Lodge officers appointed by his Royal Highness, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, for service during the ensuing Masonic year.

After the Grand Lodge was closed, the officers and members were entertained at the banquet, furnished by the Grand Steward.

At the Quarterly Communication of June 6, 1906, friendly relations were established with the Grand Lodge of Quebec by the adoption of the following resolution:

"That this United Grand Lodge of England heartily reciprocating the kind and fraternal spirit of the communication just read, hereby recognizes the Grand Lodge of Quebec as the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Freemasons for the Province of Quebec in the Dominion of Canada; the rights of the lodges under the English Constitution still working in that province being reserved."

The greater part of this quarterly is given to statements of the several funds, but the "Report of the Grand Registrar on the Queensland Question" is an exhaustive and plausible statement of the relations of the Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodges of Queensland and New South Wales, from the English point of view.

Brother Strachan, the Grand Registrar, closed his report with this seductive statement of how easily the whole controversy could be settled, but we fear that the Australian brethren will not see it in the same light. He says:

There ought to be no difficulty, however, about having a regular sovereign Grand Lodge of Queensland, if the brethren who desire it will be reasonable, and if it commends itself to the good sense of the requisite two-thirds. Probably those who have been premature in asserting themselves will be well advised by their Masonic friends to resume the *status quo ante*, and then, without any outside interference, the brethren of each of the three constitutions will determine what they consider is best for the interests of Freemasonry in the State. If the necessary two-thirds of each jurisdiction shall declare in favor of a Grand Lodge, then so far as I can see there need be no further difficulty. If the two-thirds should be wanting, then it will be equally clear that the necessity for the change is not so great as some have assumed.

(Signed)

JOHN STRACHAN,

May 14th, 1906.

Grand Registrar.

THE RIGHT HON., THE EARL AMHERST,

M. W. Pro. Grand Master.

SIR EDWARD LETCHWORTH, V. W. Grand Secretary.

## FLORIDA—1906.

77TH ANNUAL.

JACKSONVILLE.

JANUARY 16.

**P**ORTRAITS of sitting Grand Master Charles W. Johnson, and of Marcus Endel, who was Grand Master in 1893, add to the attractiveness of the volume.

Five Special Communications are reported for the purpose of laying corner stones, in four instances, and in one, for the purpose of dedicating a lodge.

In thirty-one pages, devoted to his address, the Grand Master reports the important events of his administration, and generally the material prosperity of the State and of the Craft is reported to be eminently satisfactory, as may be seen from this extract:

We are receiving a generous addition to our population from the other States of the Union, exceeding that of former years, and to the homeseekers we extend the right hand of fellowship, welcoming them to a share in our prosperity, and in our responsibilities as citizens.

Florida has adopted usefulness as her chariot, and thereto she has harnessed the spirited steeds of enterprise, progress and development, and today we see her driving that triumphal car through this fair land of ours making the sunlight of prosperity to shine thereon.

Our beloved fraternity is keeping pace. From all sections of our territory come the glad tidings of increase, unity, peace and plenty. We have added to our membership a net gain of six hundred and fifty during the year.

A tender tribute is paid to the memory of Past Grand Master Angus Paterson, who died July 26, 1905, and fraternal references are made to the passing away of other members of the Fraternity, at home and abroad.

Four lodges are reported to have been regularly constituted, and dispensations issued for the formation of five more lodges. Very many special dispensations were granted, but some few which were asked for the purpose of giving rapid transit to candidates were declined, and in reference to these the Grand Master says:

For some the request was made for the reason that the Brother desired to take the higher degrees by a certain time. A Brother so advanced would never consider the symbolic degrees as anything but

stepping stones upon which he was unfortunately obliged to clamber in order to get to his goal, he never would have any conception of the true beauties of Masonry and that here in the lodge were laid the foundation, yea, the building itself, complete in its grand simplicity.

The beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the other degrees appended to the Blue Lodge teach no new lesson, they merely emphasize the teachings of the first three degrees and fail entirely in their purpose if they fail to make the individual a more zealous Master Mason and impress upon his mind the fact that the foundation of the Masonic edifice is of greater importance than the ornamental cornice.

Twelve decisions are reported, all of which were approved.

On the twenty-third of October, 1905, having received information that attempts at visitations to some of the lodges had been made, by clandestine Masons, the Grand Master deemed it necessary to issue an edict forbidding such visits except upon documentary evidence of good standing.

The Committee on Jurisprudence mildly dissented from the views of the Grand Master, and we extract this paragraph from the report, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge:

We therefore recommend that the edict be not continued, that the Grand Secretary be, and is, hereby authorized to procure at once from the Pantagraph Printing Company of Bloomington, Ill., one hundred and fifty or more copies of this book containing a list of regular lodges, and that they be furnished to the lodges of this State and to members desiring to purchase same at cost. That each lodge be directed to procure from the Grand Secretary a copy of the book, and that it be kept in a convenient place in the lodge rooms for use in proving documents presented to prove good standing of visiting brethren.

The Grand Master reports having received the following protest from two alleged Master Masons who had been denied the right of visitation.

C. H. Wolfe, of Johnson City Lodge, No. 486, of Johnson City, Tennessee, and H. A. Higgins, of Bolton Lodge, No. 450, of Bolton, Missouri, having applied for a committee of examination to Palatka Lodge, No. 34, Palatka, Florida, were refused the same on the ground that they, neither of them, were possessed of receipts for dues nor a certificate of membership under the seal of a regular lodge, said certificate being vouched for by the seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction of issue.

Said C. H. Wolfe and H. A. Higgins hereby protest against the rulings of Palatka Lodge, No. 34, averring themselves to be Master Masons in any lodge in the world, and ask why their privileges as such should be curtailed by any ruling of any subordinate Lodge or Grand Lodge whatsoever.

Subject only to their test oaths, and other examinations under the original constitution of Masonry, well known to all brothers and fellows.

The Jurisprudence Committee having considered the matter, reported as follows:

In the matter of the protest of C. H. Wolfe and H. A. Higgins against the action of Palatka Lodge, No. 34, for refusing to permit them to visit, because they could not comply with the edict of our M. W. Grand Master by presenting satisfactory vouchers that they are members of a regular lodge in good standing attested by the seal of the Grand Lodge of their respective jurisdictions, we beg leave to report that the inherent right to visit as claimed in some Grand Jurisdictions is not recognized in this jurisdiction (see regulation No. 292), that the action of Palatka Lodge, No. 34, was proper and regular; and that no appeal therefrom lies to the Grand Lodge.

The Fraternity in Florida is very much in earnest in its desire to have a Masonic Home and Orphanage, and the trustees of the fund report that there is now nearly \$8,000 on hand as a nucleus.

The number of active lodges is 158, with a total membership of 6,655.

A wonderfully instructive and interesting paper is the Report on Correspondence, two hundred and sixteen pages, by past Grand Master Silas B. Wright.

The transactions of North Carolina for 1905 were carefully considered by Brother Wright, and approval or disapproval expressed, as he thought proper. We are in agreement with his judgments.

He approved the decisions of the Grand Master, but failed to understand how a double hair lip should render a candidate ineligible, and adds: "We are wondering if the defect named will, in any way, prevent the candidate from fully complying with the practice and teaching of the ritual.

That's just it, Brother Wright, the articulation, in these



cases is so imperfect that it is extremely difficult to understand the subject of this infirmity.

Brother Wright's conclusion is very interesting, and we should be glad to present it all to our readers if we could.

A special report on "Work by Courtesy" has made every reader of this report Brother Wright's debtor.

CHARLES W. JOHNSON, *M. W. Grand Master.*

WILBER P. WEBSTER, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### GEORGIA—1905.

119TH ANNUAL.

MACON.

OCT. 31.

**I**N the diplomatic gallery we find North Carolina represented by the Deputy Grand Master, Brother Thomas H. Jeffries.

The address of the Grand Master, Max Meyerhardt, is like all his annual reports in the past, a carefully prepared Masonic state paper, abounding in eloquent and noble sentiments, and yet never forgetting the practical business which fell to his hands to do. In rhetorical finish the brethren of the "Cracker" State may well take pride in the all-round fitness of their executive head.

The present condition of the Craft, its financial and moral advancement, is thus told by the Grand Master:

Proud of our glorious past, and with an abiding faith in a future still more glorious, we are assembled here today in this, our One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Communication. As I look into the earnest faces of this mighty host of true and faithful Craftsmen, my heart swells with gratitude to God for all His tender mercies during the year that has passed away. And truly we have cause for sincere thanksgiving for the abounding prosperity with which we have been so richly blessed.

Not only have our numbers increased in goodly proportion, but the character of our membership is cause for honest pride. Everywhere have I found our outer door most carefully guarded, and only the best and truest of every community admitted to our ranks. A high standard has been set, and over the entrance to our temples have been inscribed the golden words: "Only the worthy may enter here."

And so we stand today in solid phalanx, a united brotherhood,



bravely fighting the evils of our time, intemperance, lust, profanity, corruption in high places and in low, and all the ills that afflict our body politic. Never, since first the flag of Masonry was raised on Georgia soil, have we so fully commanded and so truly deserved the respect and reverence of all good men as we do this day.

Brother Meyerhardt pays an eloquent and tender tribute to the distinguished dead of his own household, to those, whom he styles, "Our Immortals," who have ceased from their labors and have been called up higher.

Although he modestly disclaims special credit for the present condition, he thus describes the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge:

The past year has been to me one of great stress and strain in regard to our financial affairs. At our last communication, the Finance Committee was authorized to borrow \$5,000, if necessary, to equip and maintain the Home until our meeting this year. I determined, however, that I would not borrow a cent, or allow it to be done, if it were within human power to prevent.

Our connection with the water works of the City of Macon cost us about \$3,500. In addition, the Home has been fully equipped and furnished in a most comfortable and even luxurious manner. Some improvements have been made in the Grand Lodge temple, and the inmates of the Home have been cared for in comfort. Every department of the Grand Lodge has been properly maintained, all expenses have been fully paid, and today I announce with pride and pleasure that not one cent of debt has been incurred during the year, not one cent has been borrowed, and there has not been a time when the Grand Treasurer was not able to pay every demand fully and promptly. With equal pride and pleasure I announce to you today that there is at this moment in the Grand Lodge Treasury the sum of \$25,625.88. This amount will be increased during the year, from various sources of income and from voluntary contributions, not less than \$5,000. After deducting the expenses of this communication, mileage and per diem, we should have available during the year a surplus of from \$12,000 to \$15,000. This surplus should be sufficient to meet all our expenses, including the maintenance of the Home, without incurring one cent of indebtedness. To accomplish this result, however, we must exercise the greatest care and caution in our appropriations and expenditures, keep down all extravagance and husband our resources in every possible manner.

It requires six pages of the volume to give an account of his official visits, which service he generalizes as follows:

During the past year I have traveled several thousand miles in making official visits. These visits have carried me to many parts of our beloved commonwealth—from historic Chickamauga in the North to the shores of the Atlantic Ocean in the southeast, and the borders of Alabama in the southwest. My visits, in the main, have been to the smaller cities and to the country lodges, and I have found faithful Craftsmen everywhere. I have been greeted with hearty hand-clasps, with bright smiles, with generous hospitality, with every manifestation of earnest, cordial brotherhood. These country brethren, oftentimes at great personal sacrifice, attend their lodge meetings, visit the sick, bury the dead, care for the widow and orphan, and contribute liberally to every worthy cause. On their altars glow the sacred fires of Masonry. In their lives they splendidly illustrate the rugged virtues of Masonic manhood, the tender beauties of Masonic love. With simple faith and reverent hearts they humbly worship the Great Architect of the Universe. And when life's journey nears its end, with trust in God and hope in immortality, they look forward, with faith well founded, to the eternal life beyond the stars.

He reports ten decisions, approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and by the Grand Lodge, which to us seem to be in accord with general Masonic law.

The Masonic Home, which has been the object of Brother Meyerhardt's love and solicitude, is completed, and is thus referred to in part:

On June 14 the doors of our Home were thrown open, and for more than four months the Home has been in full and successful operation. Under its hospitable roof fourteen inmates are now being cared for, and from now on the number will steadily increase.

I feel that it is a matter for the heartiest congratulation that after so many years of toil and struggle, of hope deferred, of trial and disappointment, we have witnessed the triumphant consummation of our hopes and prayers. This Home is indeed a splendid and enduring monument to the generous liberality of Georgia Masons. It is truly a Home in every sense of the word, where every comfort is provided, where every want is anticipated, where perfect harmony reigns, and which we hope and believe is crowned with the approving smile of God.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence the request of "The Grand Orient" of Brazil, for recognition, was refused for the present.

For the fifth time Brother A. D. Moody furnishes an interesting Report on Correspondence, covering 125 pages, in

which North Carolina receives the generous notice of four pages, having a full synopsis of the doings of the Grand Lodge for that year. We thank Brother Moody for kind personal reference, and he thus explains, and satisfactorily, too, why the Georgia Mason is expelled for non-payment of dues, which is a good answer to our criticism of last year on this subject. He says:

In Georgia, if a brother is too poor to pay, all he has to do is to say so, and his dues are remitted both by the Subordinate Lodge and Grand Lodge. The brother himself is the sole judge of his ability to pay. His simple word is sufficient.

MAX MEYERHARDT, *M. W. Grand Master.*

W. A. WOLIHIN, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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ILLINOIS.—1906.

67TH ANNUAL.

CHICAGO.

OCTOBER 2.

**T**HIS fat volume is adorned with the portraits of five Past Grand Masters, George E. Lounsbury, 1874-75; Joseph Robbins, 1876-77; Theodore T. Gurney, 1878-79; Rev. William H. Scott, 1880-81; and D. M. Browning, 1882. Besides these, there is a full length photograph of a recently deceased beloved brother, Dr. W. M. Burbank, of whom this eulogy appears in the report of the Board of Grand Examiners:

With feelings of deep sorrow and veneration we make mention of the passing of R. W. Bro. W. M. Burbank, lately of Chicago, who departed this life since the close of the last session of the Grand Lodge. For some years as a Deputy Grand Lecturer, he towered among the workers and teachers of this Grand Jurisdiction, respected, admired and venerated by all who knew him. His stalwart figure, his dignified and congenial manner, and the forceful grace which at all times characterized his delivery, all contributed to make him a prince among ritualists; while as an exemplar of the principles of Masonry he was equally distinguishable among his brethren. To the members of the craft of Illinois, and in particular to the Grand Lecturers, we commend his life as an example in many respects worthy of emulation.

Besides these photographs, there is a cut of the proposed new Masonic Home building.

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The address of the Grand Master, C. E. Allen, is an excellent and comprehensive Masonic state paper, in which he gives a full account of his official acts. The condition of the Craft is reported to be eminently satisfactory, and the increased responsibility upon its rulers is adverted to as follows:

It is a privilege that I highly esteem, and it affords me great pleasure to extend to you one and all a hearty welcome on this, the occasion of the convening of the Sixty-Seventh Annual Communication of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. You are here as the representatives of the seven hundred and forty-three chartered lodges constituting this Grand Jurisdiction, embracing a membership of nearly eighty thousand men, comprising the best element of the citizenship of practically every community throughout this great commonwealth. When this large enrollment is taken into consideration, together with the rate of growth during the past years, the measure of responsibility devolving upon you, to whom is entrusted the future welfare of our beloved institution, becomes readily apparent, and must impress itself upon your minds. The problems met and solved in the past have been numerous and perplexing; those to be presented in the future will be even more so. Let your deliberations, therefore, be entered into with earnest solicitude, and may your decrees reflect that wisdom and excellence of judgment which have characterized your enactments heretofore.

Appropriate reference is made to the Masonic dead of his own and other jurisdictions; he reports the constitution of five lodges; the dedications of many Masonic halls, many Special Communications of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying corner stones, and dispensations for the formation of seven new lodges.

He reports having been present at each of the five Schools of Instruction, and of their good work he speaks as follows:

At each school an actual candidate, thoroughly qualified as to proficiency, was provided for each degree, a fact which I believe is worthy of special mention. The work done at these schools is so favorably reflected in that done by the constituent lodges throughout the State, as to establish beyond question the wisdom of the Grand Lodge in providing this means of teaching the standard work. In this connection I desire to pay recognition to the splendid services of the present Board of Grand Examiners, who have labored with zeal and untiring energy

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for the success of these schools. The report of this Board will be found in the Proceedings for this year.

Under the head of Foreign Relations, the Grand Master reports having received a communication from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, complaining that a member of one of the lodges of its obedience was denied admission to a lodge in Illinois, notwithstanding the fact that he had presented a valid certificate. This Grand Lodge of Hamburg invaded the jurisdiction of New York in 1851, and continued its invasion until 1906. During that period, of over fifty years, the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was outlawed by every American Grand Lodge, and the edict of non-intercourse still stands, and will, until the Grand Lodge of Hamburg officially recognizes the doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction. No announcement of its change of policy has been made to any other Grand Lodge except that of New York. The Grand Lodge of Hamburg is a member of a confederation of eight German Grand Lodges, known as the German Alliance of Grand Lodges, and now comes the queer demand from the Grand Master of one of these German Grand Lodges, who is beside the managing director of the whole Masonic outfit, attempting to diplomatically bulldoze the Grand Lodge of Illinois, because it will not hold fraternal intercourse with the members of the piratical Grand Lodge of Hamburg. The correspondence between Grand Master Allen and Grand Master Auerbach, managing director of the German Alliance, was referred to the Committee on Correspondence, Brother Joseph Robbins, who made a very clear report, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge. We can only make these brief extracts from the conclusion of Brother Robbins' report:

The threat that should the Grand Lodge of Illinois not recognize *one* of the Grand Lodges united in the Alliance of German Grand Lodges, then the alliance would withdraw their recognition of the Grand Lodge of Illinois comes with bad grace from a body which, by virtue of its constituent bodies having given over to it the control of their foreign relations has had in its hands the power to compel them to keep the peace, has, ever since its organization, permitted one of them to

maintain a thorn in the side of a jurisdiction with whom all the rest of its constituents were in fraternal relations, and to defy the universal sentiment and flout the settled policy of the Western Masonic World; while at the same time they were claiming for the alliance the same exclusive jurisdiction whose violation by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg they were condoning.

Your Committee recommends the approval of the letters of Grand Master Allen to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg and Grand Master Auerbach, as reflecting the fraternal sentiments of this Grand Lodge; and further recommends the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Illinois holds that under the law of Masonry no visitor can be admitted to a lodge whose claim to the Masonic status rests on documentary evidence alone.

*Resolved*, That it has for many years been the well settled law of this jurisdiction, that neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge has the power to compel a lodge to admit a visitor against the objection of a member thereof, even though such a visitor be known and recognized by all the members as a lawful Mason.

On learning of the calamity which had befallen San Francisco and neighboring parts of the Pacific Coast, Grand Master Allen wired a contribution of \$1,000 to the Grand Master of California, for the purpose of immediate relief, not waiting for the Grand Hailing Sign. He issued notice to the Subordinate Lodges of his jurisdiction, with the result of raising the relief fund to about \$10,000.

The retirement of the Grand Secretary, Brother J. H. C. Dill, comes as a surprise to those who, like myself, had been accustomed to associate his name with that of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Only four decisions were rendered by the Grand Master, and these were approved by the Grand Lodge.

The two great charities of the Fraternity of Illinois, the Masonic Home at Sullivan, and the Masonic Orphans' Home at Chicago, are briefly noted in the address. It is stated that the Home at Sullivan is crowded, and that many are on the waiting list. It seems to be a surprise to the Grand Lodge that the institution should so soon have been found unequal to the demands made upon it, and the Grand Master earnestly recommends that prompt action be taken for the relief of these helpless brethren. The Grand Lodge



appropriated \$60,000 for the erection of a new building, one-half of which is to be available during the present year.

In reference to the Masonic Orphans' Home in Chicago, the Grand Master stated that it had been necessary during the year to make some changes in the management of the institution. A new superintendent and matron were installed. This institution has yet room for more inmates and the census shows that the population is growing less. At the time of its foundation, the location was in every sense desirable, but of late years it has become crowded by the erection of numerous factories and tenements for the operatives, so that now it is deemed important to sell the property and secure a more suitable location for the housing and caring of these children; and to that end the Board of Trustees were empowered to sell the present Home and to secure a more suitable location.

In connection with the organized charities of the Grand Lodge, it is gratifying to note that a contribution of \$15 a month, during her life, was made for the relief of the widow of a Past Grand Master.

We are glad to see that this additional but congenial work has been imposed upon Brother Robbins, but we doubt if there is any other to perform the task so conscientiously, so fearlessly, so ably. This is the order to Brother Robbins:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Correspondence be requested to revise the three lists of Recognized, Unrecognized and Recognizable Grand Lodges (the latter class known as the waiting list) as made in his report in 1898, and to present the same at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge in two lists, the Recognized and Unrecognized, to the end that lodges may have definite information from what Grand Lodge they may receive visitors and applicants for membership.

The Report on Correspondence, 360 pages, is furnished by Past Grand Master Joseph Robbins, and the highest praise we can give it is that it is in no wise inferior to his former efforts in this department of Masonic work. To add to the value of this contribution, a very full index of nearly



twelve pages will enable the reader to find any particular topic of which he is in search.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1906 received ample consideration from Brother Robbins. Our statement, last year, that the general prosperity of the country and the popularity of Freemasonry had much to do in stimulating clandestinism, is further amplified by Brother Robbins, in this expression of opinion:

It is doubtless true that the prosperity and popularity of Freemasonry has contributed to the activity of clandestine Masonry, just as the general prosperity of the country has stimulated the growth of Masonry itself, but it would be misleading to attribute the outbreak of the plague of spurious lodges to such a cause.

The Pandora's box out of which the pest escaped to afflict alike the innocent and the guilty, was opened by the Massachusetts departure, seconded by Ohio in a more offensive manner, because there the outrage came primarily through the exercise of the one man power, until ultimately the strain on the loyalty of lodges and individual Masons became greater than it could bear.

C. E. ALLEN, *M. W. Grand Master.*

ISAAC CUTTER, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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INDIANA—1906.

89TH ANNUAL.

INDIANAPOLIS.

MAY 22.

THIS volume of over four hundred pages is beautifully printed and well arranged, and is a credit to the taste of the Grand Secretary and to the skill of the printers.

It is adorned with the photograph of the incoming Grand Master, Lincoln V. Cravens.

The address of the Grand Master, Alfred W. Emery, covers twenty-seven pages of the Proceedings, and gives a very full account of his stewardship.

After a hearty welcome to the members of the Grand Lodge he reports the Fraternity to be prosperous, with a phenomenal growth in membership, so that now there are in this jurisdiction 45,059 Master Masons, showing a net

gain of 2,432. The Grand Master admonishes the brethren of the Grand Lodge that this rapid increase in membership adds proportionately to the responsibility of every Mason.

He reports the loss by death of 656 faithful craftsmen, and tender sympathy is expressed for those who have been bereaved.

The Grand Master adverts to the calamity which overtook San Francisco and neighboring cities, and reports that he took prompt action for the relief of distressed Masons, and that first and last, up to the 15th of May, the Fraternity of Indiana contributed \$5,589.50 for the relief of the sufferers.

Six lodges were constituted, a number of Masonic halls were dedicated and dispensation issued for the formation of a new lodge at Fountain City, Wayne County.

The Grand Master's proxies were kept busy laying corner stones, this function having been performed about a dozen times.

The decisions and dispensations of the Grand Master were cordially endorsed by the Jurisprudence Committee as being in harmony with Masonic usages, and the general regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Emery is one of the very few Grand Masters who doesn't say that he is "glad to be relieved of the weighty responsibilities of his office," but on the contrary, says:

In conclusion permit me to say that it is with no feeling of gladness that I lay down this gavel, and hand over the reins of authority to my worthy successor, for this has been one of the happiest years of my life, although it has been crowded with duties. I feel that I am a better man for having associated even in a limited way with many of you. My greatest regret has been, that on account of the location of my residence it has been impossible for me to visit as many of you as I could have done had I lived nearer the center of the State.

Through the recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence the newly formed Grand Lodge of Alberta was not accorded recognition at this meeting, but the matter was deferred for a year. After a year's delay, through

the recommendation of the same Committee, the Grand Lodge of Queensland was fraternally recognized as a regular and independent Grand Lodge of Masons.

The following resolution was presented to the Grand Lodge and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which gave it a *quietus* by recommending "that the same be not adopted":

"All visiting Masons applying for a Committee of Examination must first show to the committee sent out to them for that purpose, a receipt for their dues from their home lodge and under its seal."

The Masonic Temple having been injured by fire to the extent of about \$30,000, it is probable that this will lead to the building of a costly and up to date structure which will become a source of revenue.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, "That the entire question of the rebuilding or remodeling of the present Masonic Temple, the power to sell or to build a new Temple, be referred to a committee composed of the Board of Trustees and the incoming and retiring Grand Masters, with power to act.

The Report on Correspondence, called "The Indiana Annual Masonic Review," covers 222 pages of the volume, in which the transactions of sixty-two Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed, North Carolina, for 1905, of the number.

Past Grand Master, Brother Daniel McDonald, has lost none of his skill, and the product of his labor is interesting and instructive. In discussing the question of physical qualifications, we are very much in accord with the views of Brother McDonald under "Delaware."

In the case of a candidate afflicted with one leg being shorter than the other, which caused him to limp when walking, he decided that his infirmities were such that his petition could not be entertained. It might be a question whether a lodge has not the right to accept or reject the petition of any candidate properly drawn and recommended without submitting the question of his physical qualifications to the Grand Master. A petition is received by the lodge usually without question for the purpose of referring it to a proper committee to investigate on all matters pertaining to his eligibility—as to his physical qualifications,

whether he resides in the jurisdiction, is of good moral character, and whether he is "a man, free-born, of lawful age, and well recommended." If a question should arise like the one under discussion in the report of the committee, it would seem that the lodge itself would be better qualified to decide the question than the Grand Master. Among all the numerous questions of Masonic Law and Jurisprudence still unsettled, and that never will be settled, there is none about which there is such a diversity of opinion as that of physical qualifications. Our view has always been that where the physical disability is not of such a nature as to prevent a literal compliance with all the requirements of Masonry the candidate is, or ought to be, eligible to receive the degrees.

LINCOLN V. CRAVENS, *M. W. Grand Master.*

CALVIN W. PRATHER, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### INDIAN TERRITORY—1906.

33RD ANNUAL.

ARDMORE.

AUGUST 14.

THERE is a photograph of the Grand Master, Richard Willison Choate, and farther on in the volume a snapshot of the members of the Grand Lodge at a watermelon feast, and underneath the picture this legend, "Not as melon (colic) as it looks." Close inspection of this work of art discloses every member with a slice of watermelon in his hand, looking intently at the camera, except one good brother, who is entirely indifferent to the reproduction of his good looks, and has turned his back contemptuously to the artist and is seen paying earnest attention to his business; the only brave man in the lot.

The address of the Grand Master discusses the usual topics, and declares that their personnel is higher and better than that of any other body of men he has ever known. He states that the year has been exceedingly prosperous, and that Masonry has kept pace with the material progress of the jurisdiction. The Masonic dead are appropriately referred to.

He reports the constitution of eighteen lodges and the granting of dispensations for the formation of seventeen new lodges. Truly a wonderful increase in lodges.

Two pages of the volume are wasted in reporting cases requiring discipline. It is hard to see how these publications can do any good in the Fraternity or out of it.

Six Special Communications were held for the purpose of laying corner stones.

The Grand Master reported fifteen decisions, which, after discussion and slight verbal modifications, were approved by the Grand Lodge.

After having made many official visits, and having had the opportunity of seeing the excellent material in the lodges, it is gratifying to find the Grand Master paying the Craft this compliment:

I believe that I am justified in making the assertion that our membership in the Indian Territory will compare favorably, intellectually and morally with any jurisdiction in the world. While we are keeping pace with other Grand Jurisdictions in point of numerical strength, we are also increasing in the moral and social virtues.

The Masons of Indian Territory, under the leadership of that devoted and enthusiastic brother, Past Grand Master Henry M. Furman, have been working diligently to secure funds for the building of a Masonic Home, and now it is almost in sight. The fund is now something more than \$53,000, and it will not be many years before there will be, in fact, a well equipped home for the widow and fatherless.

The formation of the new State of Oklahoma out of the Indian Territory and that of Oklahoma, the 46th star in the galaxy of States, requires that there should be union of the two Territorial Grand Lodges, and this will speedily be consummated. Under the head of "A Family Matter," Past Grand Master T. C. Humphrey introduced to the Grand Lodge three distinguished brethren from the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, Past Grand Masters William L. Eagleton and William M. Anderson, and sitting Grand Master D. P. Sparks. Past Grand Master Eagleton spoke in this fraternal way of the union which was to come:

Past Grand Master Eagleton then addressed the Grand Lodge, stating that they were here in an official capacity as well as a personal

one, and that he felt entirely at home with this Grand Body owing to his frequent and repeated visits in the last few years. He stated further, that a broad, fraternal spirit must guide us in a settlement of the conditions confronting us.

It was not an idea of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma to dictate or even to suggest what course this Grand Lodge should take, that this was the Mother Grand Lodge, Oklahoma was the daughter, and as a dutiful daughter she stood ready to do whatever her Mother Lodge might direct.

In the Indian Territory there are 186 lodges, with a total membership of 7,540, a net increase in membership of 802 during the year.

The Report on Correspondence, the fourth from the same reviewer, is prepared by Brother T. C. Humphrey, who pleasantly reports what he has seen in his survey of 55 Grand Jurisdictions. The Proceedings of North Carolina for 1906 are fraternally reported by Brother Humphrey. We take this from his introduction:

The Masonic world knows of the Indian Territory Jurisdiction, and compliments have been showered upon it for its great achievement in collecting the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the Masonic Widow and Orphans' Home.

We invite our Masonic brethren of the Indian Territory to read this review, which shows in brief what the brethren in our sister jurisdictions are doing.

WILLIAM A. MCBRIDE, *M. W. Grand Master*.  
JOSEPH S. MURROW, *R. W. Grand Secretary*.

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IOWA—1906.

63RD ANNUAL.

DES MOINES.

JUNE 5.

IT is no surprise to find, as usual, that this volume is beautifully printed and arranged, and a pronounced credit to the good taste of the Grand Secretary. It is orna-



mented with a handsome engraving of the retiring Grand Master, William Henry Morris, as well as photographs of distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions.

The visit of the Grand Lodge to Des Moines gave occasion for ceremonial welcome and its attendant display of good will, eloquence and oratory.

In his annual address, Grand Master Morris gave full account of his stewardship of the affairs of the Craft for the year just closing.

As to the condition of the Craft, he makes this very satisfactory statement:

While numerical strength is of minor importance when compared with the *intelligence* and *standing* of the votaries of Masonry, it will be especially pleasing to the craft in Iowa to know that, without lowering the high standard of *character* set by the worthies who founded this Grand Lodge, for admission to our ranks, and which has since been maintained by those who have fostered its later growth, there has been a substantial net increase in membership during the past year amounting to 1,007, making a total membership owing allegiance to this Grand Body of 36,736. This army of peaceful and liberty-loving citizens hold membership in 505 chartered subordinate lodges, concerning which specific and detailed statistics will be reported to you by your committee having that matter in charge. The Masonic fraternity is engaged in no race for position, as judged by the mere matter of numbers. It may well, however, in my opinion, modestly point with justifiable pride and satisfaction to the average standing and intelligence of its votaries.

He paid an affectionate tribute to the Masonic dead of his own jurisdiction, some of them eminent for their services to the Craft of Iowa. He reports having issued three dispensations for the formation of new lodges, and having refused four applications for a like purpose, because, to his mind, there was no prospect of growth or continuance.

He reports having conducted the ceremony of corner stone laying, on two occasions, and he expresses the belief that the frequent occurrence of these beautiful ceremonies are productive of good to the general public, as well as to the Fraternity.

The Grand Master is opposed to the joint occupancy of halls by Masonic lodges and other organizations; and we



believe he is right in this view. In this connection he says in part:

It occurs to me that such a condition is carrying the matter of *necessity* to an extreme not warranted by the satisfactory financial showing made by the lodges, and, in my opinion, a condition not contemplated by the laws and ancient usages of the craft. Attempting, so far as within my power, to bring about a change for the better in this respect, I have, without exception, refused to grant dispensations for the formation of new lodges until pledges were made by the petitioners that halls would be secured for the exclusive use of the Masonic fraternity.

Five decisions, interpretations of local laws, are reported and approved by the Grand Lodge.

Contributions, aggregating \$5,000, were made by the Subordinate Lodges for the relief of the San Francisco sufferers.

The exhaustive report of the Grand Secretary, Brother Newton R. Parvin is, as usual, a feature of the Iowa volume. Brother Parvin adds to his report brief notices of deceased Grand Secretaries, including Robert W. Furnas, of Nebraska, Thomas N. Reed, of the Grand Lodge of Washington, and Charles Inglesby, of South Carolina.

As Librarian of the finest Masonic library in America, and created solely by the efforts of his distinguished father, Brother Parvin submits a very interesting statement of its condition.

There are 505 working lodges in the jurisdiction, having a total membership of 36,736, showing a net gain of 1,007.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence the newly-formed Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized and cordially welcomed as a coworker in Masonic effort.

The regular Report on Correspondence is, as usual, the work of Brother Joseph E. Morcombe, and is, in every respect, up to his high standard. It profitably covers 140 pages of the volume, and gives fraternal notice to the transactions of North Carolina for 1906.

Replying to a criticism of Brother DeWolf Smith in reference to a Masonic Home, Brother Morcombe says, and we are in accord with him, under California:

Brother Smith says he does "not see what the establishment of a Home, by the Order of the Eastern Star, has to do with the Grand Lodge of Iowa." It has no connection, and so long as present sentiment prevails in our Grand Lodge, it will have no connection. The "Iowa plan" of dispensing Grand Lodge charity is, at least for our Jurisdiction, superior to any institutional method. And this, because it is more economical, and because the results attained are more consonant with Masonic ideas. In so far as Brother Smith touches upon our own report, there is accord in opinion.

His apostrophe to California is so beautiful and just that we copy it entire:

As this is written there comes intelligence of unprecedented calamity, which has brought death and destruction to the land of sunshine. Great, generous-hearted Golden State, in the hour of your sorrow and loss the world will remember the free hand with which you have aided the distress of others. In your affliction the memory of unbounded charity wherewith you have relieved others should open to you such sources of aid and sympathy as no other disaster has ever called for a stricken commonwealth. And we can confidently expect that the Masonry of the World, which has so largely become indebted to the brethren of California, will take opportunity to show appreciation and sympathy.

WILLIAM FISKE CLEVELAND, *M. W. Grand Master.*

NEWTON R. PARVIN, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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KANSAS.—1906.

50TH ANNUAL.

TOPEKA.

FEBRUARY 21.

THE fly leaf of the volume is occupied by the portrait of the retiring Grand Master, Samuel R. Peters. Farther on in the volume is a portrait gallery of the nine appointive Grand Officers for 1905.

This volume is well arranged and excellently printed on good paper.

In his address, Grand Master Peters gives a very full accounting of his official acts during the year, and for all that, occupies less than the usual space. We copy the first paragraph of the tremendous advance made by the Kansas Craft in the first fifty years of its life.

We have reached the fiftieth milestone in the history of this Grand Lodge—a half century of Masonic work within the boundaries of Kansas. The seed sown by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri was not planted in stony ground. It has brought forth a rich fruitage. As a result we have 373 lodges in the State, and a membership of 27,167 in good standing. The hopes of the founders of the Order in Kansas have been more than realized. When that little band of Masons gathered in the city of Leavenworth in March, 1856, representing as they did about thirty Masons in the State in good standing, they little realized that the State of Kansas, which was then almost a barren waste, would, in the short space of fifty years, become one of the banner States of the Union, and the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kansas one of the leading organizations of this country. This semi-centennial year is filled with promise. More than was promised and expected fifty years ago is ours. We gather now as the representatives of this Grand Body, not only to recount the progress of the past year, but, also, to look back on the last fifty years, and obtain new inspiration for the work of the future.

Appropriate reference is paid to the Masonic dead of his own jurisdiction.

The report of the laying of corner stones, the dedication of Masonic halls and official visitations, indicate that Brother Peters had a busy year.

Consideration of the Masonic Home and its affairs occupies considerable space, and shows the institution to be in a thoroughly satisfactory condition, as will more fully appear from the closing paragraph:

The affairs of the Home are in excellent condition. It is not likely that any additional room will be required during the coming year. The arduous duties of the superintendent and matron have been, as ever, effectively discharged, and the members of the Home, old and young, are well provided for and contented. It is indeed for them all that the word Home implies. The Home is no longer an experiment. It has worked its way into the great Masonic heart of Kansas, and "come weal or woe" its future is assured. It stands as a memorial of our faith in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

Clandestine Masonry is causing some concern to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge; and, in consequence, the Grand Master issued an edict, on the 25th of November, 1905, forbidding all lodges to receive as visitors any except those properly vouched for, or armed with documentary evidence, and the latter is defined as follows:

Documentary evidence shall be a diploma, receipt for dues under seal of the lodge, Grand Secretary's certificate, or written endorsement by a Grand Master—all of which shall designate a lodge, or Grand Lodge, known to be regular and within the provisions of this edict. Vouchers shall be personal, and made only in lodge by some member thereof, or by a Master Mason who has established his right to sit in such lodge. In all cases it shall be the duty of the Master of the lodge to ascertain that the lodge from which the visitor claims to hail is a regular lodge within the provisions of this edict.

The six decisions made were approved; two of them, after slight modification.

The Grand Secretary receives this well merited commendation from the Grand Master:

Too much praise cannot be accorded to the Grand Secretary for bringing order out of chaos, in the removal of the property of the Grand Lodge from the old to the new office. Order is recognized by him as one of the very fundamental and necessary laws of this Grand Lodge. A visit to our masonic building, a request for any record or document to be found therein, and his speedy compliance with the same, will convince anyone of the efficiency and worth of our Grand Secretary. His timely counsel and his readiness to comply with every request, has been of great assistance to your Grand Master in the discharge of his duty.

Something unusual in the Proceedings of Grand Lodges is the matter of reports from the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens.

As usual, the Grand Secretary, Brother Albert K. Wilson, submitted a very full and interesting report of the condition of affairs, which are properly under his supervision, and he is entitled to all the praise which has been bestowed upon him.

The Report on Correspondence, the fifth and last of that able reporter, is the work of Past Grand Master William M.

Shaver, and although he has made the most powerful efforts to condense, yet it requires 220 pages for this report, which like all that have preceded it, is beyond praise.

The North Carolina transactions for 1905 are fully summarized by Brother Shaver. His argument in conclusion in defense of the propriety of using an official cipher, is as strong and plausible as can be made on the subject, but we are of the same opinion as expressed heretofore, and believe the old way to be the best.

We are sincerely sorry that the pressure of other work takes this capable brother from this fruitful field of Masonic effort, and we bid him a cordial "good-bye," with the hope that happiness and prosperity await him wherever he may be.

THOMAS L. BOND, *M. W. Grand Master.*

ALBERT K. WILSON, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### LOUISIANA—1906.

94TH ANNUAL.

NEW ORLEANS.

FEB. 5.

**T**HIS attractively bound volume contains the record of the labors of the Grand Lodge during its session of three days; a roster of the lodges and membership, with the usual tabular statements, and the Report on Correspondence.

The address of the Grand Master, L. P. Delahoussaye, contains a detailed statement of his official doings for the year. His exordium contains many beautiful thoughts and useful admonitions.

He reports the Craft to be prosperous and harmonious, without need of administering discipline in a single case. The usual appropriate references to those who have ceased from their labors were made by the Grand Master.

He congratulates the Fraternity upon the completion of the Masonic cemetery, which "is no longer a barren waste, but a place of beauty, a loving tribute to the revered dead."

The Grand Master pays a deserved tribute to the zeal-

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ous and faithful service of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1 during the recent epidemic of yellow fever.

One case is reported:

A brother dying far from the distant home he loved so well, was given the last honors of Masonry, his sick wife cared for, and the children placed in charge of Mrs. H. C. Brown, a member of Rob. Morris Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, one of God's noblest, truest and best, who proved a mother to the fatherless. And when the widow was restored to health, Mrs. Brown took her to her heart and home, gave back her children, took care of them all under her hospitable roof until God had comforted the widow and gave her strength to return to her Northern home.

He reports the Grand Lodge as being the owner of valuable property, having plenty of surplus money and not owing one cent, and in consequence the question of accumulating a large charity fund, or of building a Masonic Home, one or both, is engaging the serious attention of the Craft. No definite plan has been fixed upon; probably it will take definite shape at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

In connection with this question of charity, the Grand Master reports having disbursed \$2,000, which was placed in his hands for the relief of worthy distressed Masons, widows and orphans.

In the performance of acts of benevolence the cooperation of the ladies of the order of the "Eastern Star" is properly and warmly acknowledged.

The number of lodges is 166, and the membership 9,753, a gain of 585.

The Report on Correspondence, covering 80 pages of the volume, is the work of Rev. Brother Herman C. Duncan, and is an instructive review of important legislation enacted in the Grand Lodges whose Proceedings he had reviewed. The North Carolina Journal failed to reach Brother Duncan.

L. C. ALLEN, *M. W. Grand Master.*

RICHARD LAMBERT, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*



## MAINE—1906.

87TH ANNUAL.

PORTLAND.

MAY 1.

THE address of the Grand Master, Hugh R. Chaplin, is a comparatively brief paper, entirely unpretentious, but containing a recital of the important acts of his administration.

We reproduce, as very well worth the space, his reasons for refusing to grant dispensations to set aside the provisions of the Constitution, and we especially commend his views as to rapid transit for candidates. He says:

The Constitution was adopted and it is continued in force by the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge has a right to demand a full compliance with all its provisions. The Constitution, as the supreme law of this jurisdiction, in my opinion, does and should control the Grand Master as well as any other Mason. True, the Grand Master may, if he sees fit, in the exercise of the great power with which he is invested, issue a dispensation which may allow action, in certain particulars, contrary to the provisions of the Constitution, but it is my firm conviction that he should not do so except under very extraordinary circumstances.

For instance, some person who has had plenty of time to make application; so that his application could take the usual course, for reasons which have controlled him, has neglected to do so. He suddenly finds out that he is about to move away, and at the ninth hour he or somebody for him asks for a dispensation which will allow his application to be received and a ballot to be taken upon it at one and the same meeting.

In other words, the request is to have our general laws set aside in order that he may go away a Mason. If he goes into another jurisdiction, surely he can do Masonry in this State but little if any good. If he is only moving into the jurisdiction of another lodge in this State, it will cause him only a little inconvenience to comply with our laws. In refusing dispensations in such cases I am frank to confess that convenience to the candidate has had little or no influence upon me. I have been guided rather by the idea that if a candidate really wishes to become a Mason, uninfluenced by mercenary motives, he easily can and gladly will comply with our laws relating to his admission, and that the dignity of our institution demands that he should do so.

He reports the constitution of one lodge, and issuing dispensation for the formation of another.



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The financial condition of the Grand Lodge and of the Subordinate Lodges is reported to be in excellent condition. The charity fund of the Grand Lodge now amounts to \$46,643.94.

There are 210 lodges, having a total membership of 25,889, showing a net increase of 582. The average membership of the lodges is evidently sufficient to keep them in healthy condition, but it is shown from this extract from the Grand Secretary's report, that numbers are not always necessary for keeping up the life and usefulness of a lodge. Brother Berry says:

I notice one lodge with only thirty-eight members, no candidates for four years and only fourteen candidates in thirteen years, yet it keeps bravely along without complaining. It was the original theory of the craft that lodges were for social purposes, were to be supported by assessments, and not by fees of candidates, and this lodge deserves commendation for illustrating that theory. If it cultivates the social element it will fully demonstrate it, but probably then it will be unable to keep candidates away, as they will somehow learn of the good times and endeavor to be in them.

The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, furnished by Past Grand Master Albro E. Chase, and in 175 pages he gives a condensed report of the transactions of 75 Grand Lodges. Brother Chase reports that on account of sickness and bereavement in his family he has not been able to devote the usual time to the preparation of his review. We, however, can not complain, since Brother Chase has given due consideration to the transactions of North Carolina for 1906. He does us the compliment of quoting from our report of that year.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON, *M. W. Grand Master.*

STEPHEN BERRY, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

## MANITOBA.—1906.

31ST ANNUAL.

WINNIPEG.

JUNE 13.

IN his address, the Grand Master, W. G. Scott, makes a detailed statement of the principal acts of his administration, and although the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta has taken away eighteen Subordinate Lodges, still the Grand Lodge of Manitoba is increasing in membership and will soon make up the loss.

The present condition of the Craft is thus reported by Grand Master Scott:

As the official head of Masonry in this jurisdiction permit me to congratulate you that we are permitted to assemble under such favorable auspices. Time's unceasing flow has brought a wealth of material blessing to our beloved country. We have been blessed with peace and the labors of our husbandmen have been rewarded with bounteous crops. Our own Canadian West has been richly favored, never before in its history has such a rich harvest been garnered, never before have our granaries been so full, and meeting as we do in the leafy month of June, when every tree and shrub is clothed in the richness of its summer garb, with the prairies fresh and green, and the grain fields presenting a display of agricultural capabilities which gives promise of a most bounteous harvest, may well lead us to believe that we are fortunate in having our homes in this "garden spot of the world." Wonderful indeed are the changes that are taking place in this western land. The territory embraced in our Masonic jurisdiction is developing immense resources, the population is rapidly increasing, and transportation facilities are bringing the remotest sections into close proximity to the commercial world. Our vast prairies are rapidly being brought under cultivation, and will in a few years produce sufficient food to supply the millions of Europe.

The fraternal dead are referred to, and tributes paid to the memory of distinguished brethren of the jurisdiction.

Four Special Sessions of the Grand Lodge were held for the purpose of laying corner stones. One of a Presbyterian church, one of a hospital and two of school buildings.

Eleven dispensations were issued for the formation of new lodges, and no decisions are reported.

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The Grand Master makes mention of the calamity which befell San Francisco, and states that he directed the Grand Secretary to communicate with the Grand Lodge of California and inquire if aid from Manitoba would be accepted. The Grand Secretary of California replied that they had funds enough for present needs, and should the time come when they needed assistance, they would not hesitate to ask for it.

He refers to the successful operation of the Free Masons' hospital at Morden, which was opened with many grave apprehensions of ultimate failure, thirteen years ago. He now states that it had been a success from the first, that the property is now worth \$30,000, with only a debt of \$1,500, and that 3,500 patients have been cared for.

In reference to the indigent and aged Masons' fund, he reports a substantial balance to the credit of this account, and urges upon the Fraternity the duty of making regular contributions for this purpose. He says in part:

Stately structures and æsthetic decoration of Lodge rooms are very good in their way. Social gatherings are by no means to be overlooked, but as Masons, the great and blessed principle of Charity has a paramount claim upon our sympathies and our finances. It would greatly strengthen Lodge life and Masonic prestige if our balance sheets could demonstrate more often than they do, that our professions and practices are properly squared.

The full reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show that the Craft in the great Northwest territory is prosperous and progressive.

There are 86 lodges with a membership of 4,410, showing a loss of over 300, and this owing to the withdrawal of the lodges of Alberta.

No Report on Correspondence.

JOHN MCKECHNIE, *M. W. Grand Master.*

JAMES A. OVAS, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

## MARYLAND—1905.

119TH ANNUAL.

BALTIMORE.

NOV. 21.

THE portrait of James R. Brewer, Deputy Grand Master since Nov. 19, 1902, forms the only pictorial adornment of the volume.

From the reports of the officers of the Grand Lodge it is apparent that the jurisdiction is prosperous.

The Grand Master, Thomas J. Shryock, delivered an oral address in which he referred to the few matters which required his attention, and stated that he had had no occasion to render any formal decision in the last six months.

A notable item of the record of this, the Semi-annual Communication, held May 9th, and also in the Regular Annual Communication, is the report of the Grievance Committee, which says, "That no complaints have been referred to it for adjustment." It is rarely the case in any Grand Lodge that there are not some cases requiring discipline.

As is the custom in this Grand Jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Grand Master, "Who directed the Grand Marshal to summon his escort and repair to the Grand Master's room and inform him that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland was opened in due form and awaited his pleasure "

As at the Semi-annual Communication, so in this, the Grand Master delivered only an oral address. He issued dispensations for the formation of two new lodges, one at Taneytown and the other at Bethesda.

On the second day of the annual meeting the corner stone of the new Maryland Institute was laid with imposing ceremonies in the presence of a large concourse of Masons and very many of the most distinguished citizens of the State, and appropriate and eloquent addresses were delivered by the Grand Master and by Dr. Daniel C. Gilman, *emeritus* President of Johns Hopkins University.

Two Special Communications, one at Cumberland, Md., on May 16, 1905, for the purpose of unveiling the monu-

ment erected to the memory of Past Grand Master Dr. Charles H. Ohr, the acting Grand Master, Brother James R. Brewer, delivered a very eloquent eulogy on the deceased brother, who was as distinguished in civil life as he was in Masonry. The other Special was held the same day, at Elkridge, Md., by the Grand Master's proxies, for the purpose of dedicating to Masonic uses the new hall of Howard Lodge, No. 101. The ceremonies were conducted in accordance with the usages of the Craft, and after their completion an address was delivered by the acting Grand Master, William L. K. Barrett.

There are 107 lodges, with a total membership of 11,057, a net gain of 764.

The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, prepared by Brother Edward T. Schultz, covers 122 pages of the volume, and reviews, briefly, the doings of 55 American Grand Lodges and 12 "from beyond the seas."

The transactions of North Carolina for 1905 receive the fraternal notice of Brother Schultz and general approval of the decisions of the Grand Master and endorsement of our opinion as to Masonic homes.

Brother Schultz is one of the firm believers in the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction to which we personally do not assent, and under New Mexico argues as follows:

We beg to differ from our Most Worshipful Brother. The doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, in our opinion, "is not contrary to the spirit of Masonry," but in perfect harmony therewith.

A Lodge is an integral part of the entire Fraternity, and when it, as the representative of the Fraternity, has passed upon the application of a person for admittance into that Fraternity and has pronounced said applicant unfit, or unworthy, that settles the question, and no other power can make a Mason of that applicant without the consent of the rejecting Lodge.

The argument made by the Grand Master and the opponents of this question generally, that the rejection "may have been through malice" is puerile in the extreme. Why not assume the contrary and believe that no Lodge of Master Masons would refuse to waive jurisdiction over a rejected applicant, who had removed to another Juris-

diction, unless for good and sufficient reason? The verdict of the Lodge suspending, or expelling a brother is respected by Masons wheresoever dispersed, why, therefore, should not its verdict in regard to an applicant for its mysteries be equally respected?

The Grand Lodge, upon the recommendation of the Committee, to whom the address was referred, re-affirmed the report of a Committee made in 1903, which declares "The Grand Lodge of New Mexico has always claimed the right to accept any material which has resided in their Jurisdiction for one year." We think that at the very least such Grand Lodges who do not approve the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction should respect the law of those who do, and refrain from receiving petitions from rejected material of such Jurisdictions.

For the 20th successive year Brother Thomas J. Shryock was elected Grand Master of Masons in Maryland.

WILLIAM M. ISAAC, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### MASSACHUSETTS—1905.

172ND ANNUAL.

BOSTON.

DEC. 13 AND 27.

THE volume containing the record of the Quarterly Communication of Dec. 13th and the Stated Communication of Dec. 27th, is adorned with the portrait of the retiring Grand Master, Baalis Sanford, photographs of the bust of Brother John Paul Jones, and a wood cut of Dr. Franklin in his library.

This is the largest of four volumes recording the transactions.

At the Quarterly Communication of March 8th an amendment to the Constitution was adopted in reference to visitors, as follows:

SECTION 23. Except on a duly authorized public occasion no visitor shall be admitted into a tyled Lodge, unless he complies with one of the following conditions:

1. Being vouched for in writing by a Brother present, who, if not a member, shall himself be vouched for at the time by a member of the Lodge, and who shall, if required, state in writing when and where he sat with the visitor in open Lodge.



2. Producing a certificate or diploma of a regular Grand Lodge, and passing a satisfactory examination. A certificate under seal of the Secretary of a regular Lodge, may be accepted in lieu of the Grand Lodge certificate, but the acceptance of such a certificate, or of a Grand Lodge certificate dated more than three years previous to the date of visit, shall be at the discretion of the Master of the Lodge visited.

Every Lodge shall keep and preserve a record of visitors in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge, or by the Grand Master for the time being.

Through the reports of the Recording Grand Secretary the Grand Lodge refused to "recognize the so-called Grand Lodge of Queensland," but extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico.

At the Quarterly Communication of June 14, 1905, the Grand Lodge contributed \$500 to the Paul Revere Memorial association, the object of which is thus stated:

The object of this Association is to raise the funds for the purchase, restoration and preservation of the old Revolutionary home of Paul Revere, situated in North Square, Boston. The Association is also to be the permanent holding corporation after the building shall have been bought.

In his address, at the Quarterly Communication, Dec. 13th, Grand Master Sanford reports the condition of the Craft to be eminently satisfactory in every way. Fraternal and appropriate reference is made to those who have passed within the veil. His official visits are reported to have been pleasant to him, and it is believed, profitable to the Fraternity.

A Subordinate Lodge, chartered on the 14th of Sept., 1904, in Tientsin, China, had its charter suspended on account of gross irregularities, and it was the opinion of the Grand Lodge that it would be undesirable to establish any more lodges in foreign countries.

There are 238 lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, six in foreign countries and 232 in Massachusetts. The membership is 48,415, showing an increase of 1,700.



The Stated Communication of Dec. 27th, for the installation of the Grand Officers having accomplished its purpose, the Grand Lodge was closed; after which the brethren enjoyed the usual grand feast. An account of the speeches made on the occasion profitably covers nearly forty pages of the volume. After the display of eloquence, oratory and fraternal good will, the assembled brethren joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

JOHN ALBERT BLAKE, *M. W. Grand Master.*

SERENO D. NICKERSON,

*R. W. Recording Grand Secretary.*

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MICHIGAN—1905.

62ND ANNUAL.

GRAND RAPIDS.

MAY 22.

THE portrait of Grand Master elect, Charles L. Stevens, occupies the fly leaf of the volume, and from what is said by his biographer he is thoroughly equipped for the performance of his duties as the ruler of the Craft.

The Grand Lodge was welcomed to the City of Grand Rapids by the Hon. William Alden Smith in an eloquent address, to which Grand Master John Rowson made suitable response.

The annual address of Brother Rowson covers fifty pages of the volume, in which he gives a full detail of his official doings. He represents the Craft to be at peace with all the world and with each other, and to be highly prosperous. He reports the death of some of the most distinguished Masons and eminent citizens in the following paragraph:

The grim reaper, Death, has been unusually active in our midst and it becomes my sorrowful duty to report the death of one Grand Officer, five Past Grand Masters, two Past Grand Chaplains, and eight hundred and four members of the craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. These brothers have laid down the working tools of life and are now dwelling with the unnumbered dead. While many of us may never

have known a large majority of these brethren in this life, yet they were our brothers, and to those of their immediate relatives and friends who are left behind, we tender our heartfelt sympathy.

Photographs of the deceased brethren appear in the memorial pages, namely: Grand Masters George W. Peck, William Dunham, William H. Phillips, John W. McGrath, John W. Finch; Senior Grand Warden, Thomas Reardon, and Grand Chaplains D. Burnam Tracy and Francis A. Blades.

A special memorial service was held in honor of these brethren, and eloquent and tender eulogies delivered.

The Grand Master reports having granted dispensations for the formation of eight new lodges at points where there were prospects of growth and usefulness, but he declined to give authority for one where the conditions were not favorable.

He reports the loss of two or three rituals, and the wonder is that in a jurisdiction having 395 lodges and one copy in the custody of each lodge, that more of these books are not lost, mislaid or stolen.

The dedications of Masonic edifices were so numerous that the record occupies nine pages.

He laid the corner stone of a Federal building and of a church.

Naturally, in so large a jurisdiction some friction may be expected between individuals and lodges, and the Grand Master found some few cases which needed his personal presence and influence to restore harmony.

Brother Rowson is troubled by the information that some of the ambitious young brothers and perhaps some of the older ones, too, resort to the electioneering methods to secure preferment in the Grand Lodge; and recites a resolution of condemnation, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge in 1900. This method may, possibly, be suppressed, but it is not at all likely.

He reports, in nearly five pages, his answers to questions of law, that have been propounded to him; and his

answers are all sustained by the able Jurisprudence Committee.

The Colorado proposition, to have a conference of Grand Lecturers to meet once every three years for the purpose of bringing about uniformity of the work, meets no favor, and the Jurisprudence Committee disposes of the matter in very few words:

The work in the several Grand Jurisdictions is not uniform, and inasmuch as the Grand Lecturers have no power to make changes in the ritual, your committee can see no reason why the proposed action should be taken, and recommend that the same be disapproved.

So, also, through the recommendation of this same Committee, the proposal, coming from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, relative to the observance of the 200th anniversary of St. John the Baptist's day, in 1917, met with little favor, for the present at least.

The one recommendation of the Grand Master, looking to a stringent enactment for the exclusion of unworthy visitors was not adopted by the Grand Lodge, but instead, this report of the Jurisprudence Committee:

It is the prerogative of the Worshipful Master of a lodge to require any information which seems to him necessary or proper from any brother desiring to visit his lodge, before he is admitted into the lodge. The amount and kind of information necessary for the case rests in the sound discretion and good judgment of the Worshipful Master whenever the brother asks for leave to visit his lodge, and no visiting brother should be admitted unless the Worshipful Master is thoroughly satisfied that he is a member in good standing of a Masonic lodge, either working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or of some Grand Lodge working in relations of amity with this Grand Lodge.

The Masonic Home is reported to be doing excellent work, and at present to be caring for 52 inmates—44 men and 8 women—and the success of the institution is largely due to the influence and supervision of the "Ladies of the Eastern Star."

The Report on Correspondence, covering 290 pages, is a review of the transactions of sixty-nine English-speaking

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Grand Jurisdictions; six of them for three years, is the work of Past Grand Master and present Grand Secretary, Brother Lou B. Winsor.

The North Carolina Proceedings for 1905 receive fraternal notice, and this pleasant reference to Grand Master W. S. Liddell:

Grand Master Liddell reports that he has had a busy year, that he can truthfully say that he has devoted fully one-third of his time to Masonry. As we have the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with Brother Liddell of many years standing and knowing personally what an enthusiastic Masonic worker he is, we can readily believe the truth of his statement.

The number of lodges is 395, with a total membership of nearly 54,000.

CHARLES L. STEVENS, *M. W. Grand Master.*

LOU B. WINSOR, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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MINNESOTA—1906.

53RD ANNUAL.

ST. PAUL.

JAN. 17.

THE address of the Grand Master, Henry M. Tusler, whose portrait adorns the volume, gives a full accounting of his stewardship for the year.

He reports the Craft to be harmonious; that two chartered lodges were constituted; that one lodge was continued under dispensation, and permissions granted for the formation of five others; that two weak lodges surrendered their charters and two others were consolidated.

Six rulings of the Grand Master were reported, and these were approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master expressed the opinion that making District Deputy Grand Masters members of the Grand Lodge, entitled to mileage and per diem, as was decided at the last session of the Grand Lodge, was unwise and in violation of the Constitution, and he recommended that that action be repealed. The special committee of three, to which that

portion of the Grand Master's address was referred, dissented from the views of the Grand Master and reaffirmed the action of the Grand Lodge by recommending that the District Deputies be acknowledged as members of the Grand Lodge and be paid mileage and per diem as other members, and this recommendation was adopted.

Of his visitations the Grand Master says, in part:

It was my desire to visit as many Lodges as possible during my term of office. My home being in the railroad center of the State, and possessing a robust constitution I was enabled to gratify this desire. I have made nearly one hundred visits to Lodges. To do this I have traveled thousands of miles, going out on a late afternoon train, and coming back in the morning with little, and in some cases no sleep. These visitations have given me an opportunity of getting a close insight into the real condition of the Craft. Everywhere, and on all occasions, I have been received, and welcomed, with all the honors due my official position. These visits have been a source of pleasure to me, and I hope have been a profit to the brethren.

Appropriate and tender references were made to the dead of his own and other jurisdictions.

The method now in practice, and which has been observed in the past, for the dispensing of Masonic relief, commends itself as following the old practices; but a majority of the brethren in the Grand Lodge have been converted to the growing faith in the superiority of the Masonic Home as a means of caring for the helpless and indigent, and on that account a series of preambles and resolutions were adopted, the first resolution being as follows:

*Be It Therefore, Resolved,* That the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee of twelve whose duty it shall be to organize and perfect a corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota, having for its object the accumulation of a fund and the erection and maintenance of a Masonic Home in this jurisdiction.

The plan elaborated contemplates a union with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish

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Rite Masons, and the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, all of Minnesota.

Other provisions were made for the accumulation of funds by voluntary contribution, and after it reaches \$100,000, and not before, plans should be made for the erection of a Home.

On account of the excellent financial condition of the Grand Lodge, showing a surplus of more than \$19,000, \$10,000 of it was transferred to the Widows' and Orphans' fund.

From the exhaustive report of the Grand Secretary, Brother Thomas Montgomery, we find that there are 241 lodges, with a total membership of 21,056, a net gain of 765.

In the Appendix is an oration by Brother Elmer A. Kling, which is a very eloquent and rosy panegyric of the beauties of Masonry.

The Report on Correspondence, covering 115 pages, is an admirable summary and review of the Grand Lodges whose Proceedings have come to the hands of Brother Irving Todd, whose many years of experience have enabled him to note important things in his journey through the Masonic world.

The transactions of North Carolina for 1905 are fraternally reviewed.

Under New South Wales Brother Todd gives the following as the status of a non-affiliated Mason in that jurisdiction:

In Minnesota a non-affiliate may not visit any one lodge more than three times, nor at all after a residence of six months in the jurisdiction, which debars him from a regular attendance at Masonic banquets. The restriction is considered a good one.

THOMAS MORRIS, *M. W. Grand Master.*

THOMAS MONTGOMERY, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

## MISSISSIPPI—1906.

88TH ANNUAL.

BROOKHAVEN.

FEBRUARY 20.

THIS volume is adorned with photographs of the Grand Master elect, Charles H. Blum, of Rev. A. H. Barkley, for eighteen years the dearly beloved and useful reporter on correspondence, and of Isaac T. Hart, a prominent citizen and useful Mason. Besides these, there is a photograph, taken from the engraving furnished by the contractor of the monument to be erected to the memory of John L. Power. This monument would have been completed and unveiled but for the dérangement caused by the prevalence of yellow fever.

The address of the Grand Master, Thomas B. Franklin, is a well written paper, to which twelve pages of the volume are devoted, and in which he makes a detailed statement of his official acts.

The Grand Master paid a loving tribute to the dead of his own jurisdiction, and he gives this account of the manner in which Brother Barkley received his summons:

Just before the day was breaking on the morning of Saturday, December 9, the Angel came and laid his finger upon that which was mortal of our dearly beloved Senior Past Grand Master, Andrew Hannah Barkley, and he slept. He was not taken by surprise, and the summons did not come to him unexpectedly, for he had finished his work and laid down his pen but a few days before, saying: "I have nothing else to do, except to rest and await my Master's call.

Owing to ill-health the Grand Master expressed the fear that many Masonic duties were left undone, but the affairs of the Grand Lodge did not suffer on that account, for his associate officers, and especially the Grand Secretary, Brother Frederic Speed, by their zeal and industry, permitted no lapses.

The dispensations of the Grand Master were approved by the Law and Jurisprudence Committee.

The report of the Grand Secretary is a very full and interesting account of the affairs of the Grand Lodge as



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they came under his supervision. We take this extract from Brother Speed's report, and commend its suggestions to Grand Masters in the formation of new lodges:

I have never been able to understand the policy of the rule, which has, so far as I know, always prevailed, limiting the number of officers of a Lodge under Dispensation to the three stationed officers and filling the others by *pro tempore* appointments. There are many inconveniences arising from this system, which keep the embryo Lodge in a state of uncertainty that works to its detriment. As the Grand Master has full control over a Lodge under Dispensation, it would seem as though no possible injury could arise from his naming all the officers in the Dispensation, and if not all, at least, the Secretary and Treasurer, as well as Master and Wardens, and I suggest that the rule be changed so as to permit this to be done.

The report of the Trustees of the Masonic Home Endowment Fund shows that at present the total amount for this purpose is \$52,918.17, and the usual assessment of 25c per capita, for this purpose, is continued.

The Grand Lodge of Egypt was duly recognized.

The Report on Correspondence, owing to the feeble health of Brother A. H. Barkley, Past Grand Master, is unusually brief. The death of this distinguished brother left his work unfinished, but, by the labors of Brother Speed the fragments were gotten together and given form. In the introduction to this report Brother Speed speaks of the deceased brother as follows:

The tired hand and weary brain which wrote the following pages rest from their labors, having fallen asleep on Saturday morning, December ninth, and on the following day at noon, Mother Earth received into her bosom all that was mortal of Andrew Hannah Barkley. For eighteen consecutive years, and previously for three additional years, he had served his brethren with freedom, fervency and zeal, in the capacity of Correspondence Reporter. He began with 1870.

CHAS. H. BLUM, *M. W. Grand Master.*

FREDERIC SPEED, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

## MONTANA—1905.

41ST ANNUAL.

BUTTE.

SEPTEMBER 20.

**P**ORTRAITS of the Grand Master, Lew L. Callaway, and of two deceased brothers, Col. Wilbur F. Sanders and Col. James E. Callaway, adorn the volume.

In the opening of his address the Grand Master recommends that unusual care be taken by the lodges to prevent the acceptance of an unworthy individual.

Under the head of "Necrology" he pays a high tribute to the manly qualities of Col. Sanders and of his father, Col. James E. Callaway, and refers to other members of the Craft who have ceased from their labors.

The matter of the selection of a location for the Masonic Home has been delayed by the committee until next year because of the great difficulty of securing a suitable site. The committee was continued.

The decisions of the Grand Master were approved, except one in which we think the Grand Master was eminently correct, but the Law Committee takes an entirely different view. The decision is:

5. A lodge has not perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material. Where an applicant for the degrees has been rejected but once, after the expiration of one year from the date of his rejection he may apply to another lodge for the degrees provided he has gained a residence within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he last applies.

The Grand Secretary has, at last, complained to the Grand Lodge of the cramped and crowded condition of his quarters, and asked that his office be furnished so as to be decent and convenient.

From the report of the Grand Treasurer we see that the Masonic Home fund is growing steadily and being safely invested from year to year.

On request of the Grand Master for a ruling on the subject of Masons attending church on Sunday, in their regalia,

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an amendment to the Code was offered by the Jurisprudence Committee, which was adopted, and forbids any display of the kind except for the burial of a brother.

The Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Law Committee, which refused to approve a resolution requiring documentary evidence as a pre-requisite to visitation.

The presentation of the signet ring from the retiring Grand Master to his successor was the occasion for the usual appropriate speeches and responses.

The number of lodges is 53, and the membership 4,227, showing a net gain of 214.

The delightful Report on Correspondence, of 127 pages, gives a pleasant narrative of the annual trip by the reporter, Brother Cornelius Hedges, through the Masonic world. The North Carolina Proceedings for 1905 receive fraternal notice and a full summary of its transactions. The contemplated Masonic Home in North Carolina, Brother Hedges believes, will be a long time in building, if the funds are to come from the revenues of the Masonic Temple, which is yet to be built. We agree.

From his conclusion we take this extract:

In spite of the competition of so many fraternal organizations, Masonry is making more rapid progress than ever before in its history, and we might say truthfully that it is Homeward Bound, for Homes are multiplying every year. In its literature, also, Masonry is advancing as never before, and its few secrets are being lost sight of in its public utterances and beneficent achievements in the direction of charity, peace and good will. There is room yet for growth in many directions, when it will choose its votaries for other than physical qualifications, and cease its contention about regularity of origin.

H. L. FRANK, *M. W. Grand Master.*

CORNELIUS HEDGES, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

## NEBRASKA—1906.

49TH ANNUAL.

OMAHA.

JUNE 5.

ON the 6th of April, 1906, an Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge was held for the purpose of giving Masonic burial to the remains of Elias H. Clark, a Past Deputy Grand Master of the jurisdiction and a brother who had faithfully served the Fraternity.

The address of the Grand Master, Melville R. Hopewell (who is the representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina at the Court of Nebraska), is a well written Masonic paper, which contains a full account of his official acts in a very successful administration.

The condition of the Craft is thus reported by the Grand Master:

We are in the midst of an epoch-making period. History will be replete with the happenings of today. In the march of events, the Masonic world is keeping pace. The proceedings of other Grand Lodges show an era of unexampled prosperity. Never before has there been greater activity among the brethren, or more interest manifested in the principles of our fraternity. In our Grand Jurisdiction there is much to gratify and encourage. The great majority of the subordinate lodges have been well attended and are growing in membership. The lodge rooms; as a rule, are supplied with up-to-date furniture and paraphernalia. Many of the lodges own their own buildings, and what is better still, the brethren are imbued with the true spirit of Masoury, and are earnest in their endeavors to be worthy members of the fraternity.

On the announcement of the California calamity Brother Hopewell wired the Grand Master of California to draw on the Grand Secretary for \$500, and that more money would be forwarded as it was needed. At the close of the Grand Lodge there was on hand, voluntary contributions of some of the lodges which had not been called for.

The observations of the Grand Master as to the influence of official visits are so pertinent that we copy them entire:

It has not been my good fortune to visit many of the lodges. Like too many of my predecessors my private affairs have taken my time. And I have endeavored to discharge the duties of this high office, catching a day here and there as I could. I hope to see the day when the Grand Master can take a vacation, as to private affairs, and devote his whole attention to the business of his office. He will find plenty to do. Then we may expect the ideal executive, one who, besides being well versed in the law, the teachings and traditions of Masonry, is an enthusiastic lover of the work. Such a one, in addition to routine work, would be able to make a large number of visitations, become personally acquainted with the membership of the different lodges, observe their work, obtain a knowledge of local conditions, and thus acquire information that would enable him to deal intelligently with all matters referred to him.

Very early after his induction into office he issued an edict forbidding the officers of Subordinate Lodges to use any so-called key or cipher, and he reports that he found these spurious publications at only one point; and the books were taken up and turned over to the Grand Secretary.

Corner stones were laid on four occasions, either in person or by proxy.

Many special dispensations were granted, but one to permit a Past Master to open and preside over a lodge in Regular Communication, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, was properly refused.

On the subject of exemptions from the payment of dues, the Grand Master makes some comments, to my mind, so necessary that we encroach upon our space so as to give our readers an opportunity of passing judgment upon them:

In my opinion the law as originally presented did not contemplate exempting brethren who are amply able to contribute to the support of the Grand Lodge, or of the lodge in which they hold membership, but to relieve only those who are unable to pay, or those to whom it would mean a hardship to pay their annual dues. Many of the lodges and brethren are beginning to look upon exemptions as a roll of honor, and the list is growing a little larger each year. One lodge with a membership of a little over one hundred and fifty has thirty-nine members on the list

of those exempt from the payment of Grand Lodge dues. The proportion of the expenses which these brethren should bear has to be paid by the others. Many of them are not as able to bear it as some of those who are exempt. Again, a brother who is exempt from the payment of dues too often soon ceases to take any interest in the affairs of the lodge. I know of no good reason why a brother who is able to pay his dues should be exempt. Masonry is worth the small sum charged as annual dues, and it is worth it each and every year, regardless of a brother's age or the number of years he has been a member. Think of the injustice of exempting a brother who is abundantly able to pay, and suspending one who feels that it is a hardship for him to pay not only his own proportion of the expenses of his lodge, but that of his well-to-do brother, also.

In my judgment there should be only one reason for exempting members from the payment of dues, and that is their inability to pay them. I recommend that the law be changed so as to exempt from payment only when the lodge of which they are members will certify that they are unable to pay or that it would be a hardship for them to do so.

For thirty-eight years I have been a Master Mason, and I have always deemed it a privilege to pay lodge dues. I hope the law as it now stands will be repealed before I change my mind.

Seventeen decisions were made, and these were approved.

We are sorry to see that several of these beautifully printed pages are given over to reports of irregularities, or worse, in a few of the Subordinate Lodges. Of course, it is proper and required of the Grand Master to report to the Grand Lodge all cases receiving or deserving discipline, but we can see no good to accrue to any one from putting these matters in cold type.

It should be a matter of pride to Nebraska Masons that the Masonic Home is doing a good work with enlargement of its facilities for making the inmates happy and comfortable; albeit, that the per capita cost of \$206 per annum seems to be high. Besides the Home, the report of the Committee on Orphans' Educational Fund shows that very many children have been helped to receive an education at their homes: and the sum of \$1,575 was authorized to be



expended for the education of 47 children; added to this, there are monthly allowances made to individual indigent Masons or their widows, besides annual allowances to deserving widows. Thus, it will be seen that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska is discriminating in its charities and using the form which accomplishes the most good. Of course it is understood that no reference is here made to the charities of individual lodges.

An eloquent oration by Brother R. D. Sutherland was delivered on the subject of "The Three Grand Offerings of Masonry," and is printed in the Proceedings. It may be doubted if many of the most devout believers in ancient tradition will accept without reserve the history as presented by Brother Sutherland.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended that the Grand Lodge of Queensland be recognized, but a motion to defer action upon the report until next year was adopted. The Grand Lodge of Alberta was recognized. There are 234 Subordinate Lodges, with a membership of 15,163 in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

The Report on Correspondence is prepared by Past Grand Master Charles J. Phelps. This contribution is like all his other reports, interesting and profitable. He gives to the Proceedings of North Carolina for 1906 space enough to intelligently summarize our transactions for that year.

From his introduction we quote his views of the organized charities of the Craft:

Freemasonry almost everywhere is holding the attention of its votaries with increasing interest, as it seems to the writer, and prosperous conditions abound. Organized relief is almost universal. In these later days Masonic Homes for aged and dependent Masons, their widows and orphans, are building and being maintained enthusiastically, and all is well.

ZUINGLE M. BAIRD, *M. W. Grand Master.*

FRANCIS E. WHITE, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*



## NEW BRUNSWICK--1905.

38TH ANNUAL.

ST. JOHN.

AUGUST 22.

THIS booklet, of seventy-three pages, is adorned with photographs of Benjamin R. Stevenson, Grand Master in '81 and '82, and of the sitting Grand Master, Edwin J. Everett, and contains a full record of the doings of the Grand Lodge, which has under its jurisdiction thirty-six Subordinate Lodges with a total membership of 2,200, showing a net gain of 59.

Grand Master Everett gives this flattering report of the Craft:

It is very satisfactory to be enabled to report that no complaint has been received from any lodge or brother: Peace, Harmony and Brotherly Love prevail throughout the jurisdiction; a condition for which we cannot, indeed, be too thankful.

From the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, you will find that the private lodges are in a vigorous and healthy state, and that the Grand Lodge financially and otherwise is prosperous.

Our relations with the other Grand Lodges with whom we are in correspondence continue to be of the most friendly nature.

The Grand Master, with his associate officers, devoted considerable time to visiting the Subordinate Lodges, and reports the revival of a dormant lodge and the formation of one new lodge.

The Grand Master reported two decisions, which were approved. This small Grand Lodge, like many others, is giving attention to the formation of a fund of benevolence which now amounts to \$3,500. It is not rich, but it is free from financial embarrassment, and is able to give some aid to needy and worthy brothers, thus supplementing the work of the private lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was recognized through the adoption of the following report:

The Committee on Relations with Other Grand Lodges respectfully report that at the request of your committee Grand Lodge last year

allowed the question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, in the Commonwealth of Australia, to stand over until the present year. The practical steps for the formation of the Grand Lodge were taken in March, 1904. Documents and papers received during the recess show that the officers of the Grand Lodge of Queensland were duly installed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales in October, 1904. There are remonstrances from the Grand Lodges of Scotland and of England against recognizing this Grand Lodge, but this Grand Lodge was itself formed upon the theory that the lodges in an independent political jurisdiction had a perfect right to form a Grand Lodge. On that principle the Grand Lodge of Queensland was formed and has been recognized by many Grand Lodges. Queensland is certainly entitled to have a Grand Lodge of its own, and while it is not established by a majority of the lodges in the State, there were nearly forty lodges concerned in its formation. Your committee are of the opinion that it should be recognized as an independent Masonic authority for the aforesaid State, and fraternal relations entered into with it.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters confirm the statement of the Grand Master as to the excellent condition of the Fraternity.

EDWIN J. EVERETT, *M. W. Grand Master.*

J. TWINING HARTT, *V. W. Grand Secretary.*

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NEW JERSEY—1906.

119TH ANNUAL.

TRENTON.

MARCH 21.

THE portraits of four distinguished members of the New Jersey Craft add to the attractiveness of the volume—of the retiring Grand Master, Benjamin F. Wakefield, Thomas H. R. Redway, the efficient Grand Secretary, W. D. Rutan, Deputy Grand Secretary, and of Thomas W. Tilden, who was Grand Master in 1891 and 1892.

The record shows that two Emergent Communications were held, one for the constitution of a lodge and the other for the burial of Past Grand Master Tilden, at Jersey City on the 13th of August, 1905.

The address of Grand Master Wakefield gives a full account of his official doings during the year.

The dead, at home and abroad, receive appropriate reference, and a high tribute is paid to the manly qualities and virtues of Brother Tilden.

Under the head of "Foreign Jurisdictions" he recommends that the edict of non-intercourse, promulgated in 1871, against the so-called Grand Lodges of Ontario be rescinded for the reason that that body long ago ceased to exist, and his recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge; he also recommended the withdrawal of the edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington, and the Grand Lodge adopted that also, although the Committee on Jurisprudence submitted two reports favoring the retention of the former status.

His recommendation for the inauguration of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodges of The Three Globes; of the Royal York, of Saxony and of Zur Sonne, in Germany, was adopted.

The Grand Lodges of Queensland and Porto Rico were also recognized, and after some discussion the Grand Lodge Valle De Mexico.

As the brethren were in a pleasant frame of mind, and willing to welcome everything Masonic, fraternal recognition was extended to the following German Grand Lodges: The Grand National Lodge of Free Masons, of Germany, at Berlin; Grand Lodge of Eclectic Union, at Frankfort-on-Main; Grand Lodge of Concord, at Darmstadt, and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, at Hamburg.

The Grand Master reports a case of discipline in which a Lodge Treasurer was expelled for Unmasonic conduct.

The Masonic Home and Orphanage of New Jersey received the notice and commendation of the Grand Master, and he says of the institution in part:

The Masonic Home Committee will report to you in full regarding the affairs of the Home and Orphanage, but I wish to say, as Grand Master, that my frequent visits to the Home have given me a larger and more comprehensive idea of what practical Masonry is than ever before. The

aged ones are well cared for and are cheered and comforted as they quietly rest during their declining years.

Our children in the Orphanage, happy under the care and attention which they receive, look forward to the time when they shall take their places in the world as men and women of responsibility, and to this end we are training them. I urge all members of the Craft to visit our Home, feeling confident that they will agree with me, that everything is being done that can be done to make it indeed a Home.

From the reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, it is apparent that the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge are in good condition and the different funds safely guarded.

The report of the Committee on the Masonic Home is a full and detailed statement of the condition of the institution, and that there are at present sixty-nine inmates and that the average per capita cost of maintenance is \$198.71 a year. The Committee closes its report as follows:

Thus you have before you the administration of the Home by your Committee during the year now closed, and we sincerely hope the results are as satisfactory to the Grand Lodge as they are to us. The building and property are in better condition than ever before; the funds available for its support, in case of a substantial decrease in the regular income from the Grand Lodge, are rapidly increasing, and the per capita expense of maintenance has been substantially decreased, without any impairment to the comfort of the inmates, through some slight changes in methods of administration, the result of past experience. To all of us is given the satisfaction resulting from duty well done, obligations fully and conscientiously performed, misery alleviated, hope and comfort restored to the hopeless and comfortless, the darkness of coming days dispelled, and the future filled with comfort for all, and for our little ones with the hope of useful and creditable lives. Blessings, indeed, are all these to the recipients of our bounty, but a still greater blessing are they to us, the givers of that bounty, and for this blessing we bow with thanksgiving to Him who is the giver of every good and perfect gift.

A resolution was presented in reference to Daniel Coxe, the first Provincial Grand Master of New Jersey, which was adopted. It reads:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey be authorized to provide a bronze tablet, with appropriate inscription (to be satisfactory to the Rector of the Parish of St. Mary's, Burlington), and install the same on or near the grave of the said Provincial Grand Master, Daniel Coxe, to honor his memory and to indicate his last resting place.

There are 119 lodges with a membership of 24,973, showing a net gain of 1,486 in the year.

The Report on Correspondence covers nearly 146 pages and reviews the Proceedings of 64 Grand Lodges; North Carolina for 1905 of the number. Although following such a capable reviewer as the late Brother Belcher, this contribution, furnished by a new scribe, Brother Robert A. Shirrefs, marks him as thoroughly capable to perform his duty at the Round Table. We cordially welcome Brother Shirrefs to the Reporters' Guild, and although we are not entirely agreed in the matter of "prerogative," we agree on so many other important matters that we can leave that out of the question for the present.

WALTER CHANDLER, *M. W. Grand Master*.

THOMAS H. R. REDWAY, *R. W. Grand Secretary*.

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#### NEW SOUTH WALES—1905.

THIS volume of proceedings contains the record of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, in two Special and four Quarterly Communications, including the period from the 18th of July, 1904, to the 14th of June, 1905. It contains, besides the usual statistical tables, the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and the interesting reports of its two great charities, The Free Masons Orphan Society and the Free Masons Benevolent Institution. The funds of the Orphan Society amount to 26,229 pounds sterling, and the Benevolent Institution, 8,419 pounds sterling, and the brethren are increasing these funds, year by year,

but being ever mindful of this purpose, no case of a needy brother, or widow, or orphan, goes unaided.

The Grand Master, Brother J. C. Remington, makes this showing of the advancement made by the Fraternity during his term of service:

The quarter just closed completes my sixth year of office as your Grand Master; a long time for any one Brother to have occupied the Chair of such an Institution, but, I am happy to say, leaving but little to regret, and very much to be grateful for in the progress of the Institution, the zeal of its Officers, and the loyalty of the Brethren generally.

When I took the Chair in 1899, the number of Lodges in active work was 185, now there are 201.

During the six years I have signed 6,879 Master Masons' Certificates, and the Subscribing Members are now nearing 11,000.

The Funds, General and Benevolent, have increased by nearly £5,000, and now are £4,350.

In 103 pages the Committee on Correspondence has reviewed the Proceedings of sixty-nine Grand Jurisdictions, in which the transactions of North Carolina for 1904 receive full and fraternal notice. The reviewer of the North Carolina volume signs only his initials, A. J. S., which we take to mean Brother Arthur J. Scott, Deputy Grand Master and chairman of the Committee. Referring to North Carolina's only organized charity, he commends it in these words:

A most interesting report of the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum appears. This asylum was opened 31 years ago for the admission, care, protection, and education of destitute orphan children, and appears to be doing a wonderful work in its sphere, 125 girls and 129 boys, being a total of 254 children being cared for. The reports of the various officers would well repay any of our brethren who care to look up the report, as it describes all the workshops connected with the asylum.

His Excellency, the Governor of New South Wales, Admiral Sir Harry Rawson, K. C. B., Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, was elected Grand Master.

ARTHUR H. BRAY, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*



## NEW MEXICO—1905.

28TH ANNUAL.

ALBUQUERQUE.

OCTOBER 16.

IN his address the Grand Master, George W. Ward, has condensed in the smallest possible space the history of his official acts for the year. He reports the Craft to be fairly prosperous, with twenty-four chartered lodges and one under dispensation, with a total membership of 1,484, showing a net gain of 56 for the year. His dispensations and decisions were not numerous, and received the approval of the Grand Lodge, but the committee on the Grand Master's Address, coupled its endorsement with this complaint of apparent lack of care in the preparation of this important state paper:

The dispensations granted by the Grand Master are approved with the regret on the part of the Committee that they were not fuller in detail, which would render them more intelligible to the Craft at large.

The Grand Master reports that on Dec. 14, 1905, he received a communication from Hilary B. Brunot, of Dunn's Rock Lodge, No. 267, Brevard, North Carolina, as to the adoption of a uniform ritual, which shows that this matter is attracting the attention of some of our own lodges. In reference to this matter of cipher ritual, the Grand Lodge has one which seems to meet the requirements, and in regard to its custody the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the written ritualistic work heretofore authorized, be retained in the sole custody of the Grand Secretary, subject to inspection only, by the members of the Grand Lodge and District Deputy Grand Lecturers, such inspection to be in the presence of the Grand Secretary; and that any and all other copy or copies of said ritual be forthwith surrendered to the Grand Secretary and be by him destroyed.

From the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, it is seen that the funds of the Grand Lodge are



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not large, but sufficient for present needs. The charity fund has grown to \$3,500.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, through its chairman, Past Grand Master James H. Wroth, the consideration of the application of Guatemala, the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina, and the Grand Lodge of Queensland was deferred; and in the matter of the application of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, authority for action was given to the incoming Grand Master during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of New Mexico does not at present take kindly or admiringly to the system of Grand Lodge representatives, and has abandoned the plan as at present constituted.

The Report on Correspondence, 253 pages, is prepared by Past Grand Master James H. Wroth, and is a review of the Proceedings of sixty-eight Grand Jurisdictions, in which is included the Journal of North Carolina for 1905. Brother Wroth has given careful and kindly consideration and ample space to the "Tar-heel" Proceedings. He offers this bouquet to the management of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and we accept it because it is merited:

We commend the report of the Orphans' Asylum as being one of the most complete we have seen, and furnishes more valuable information regarding the work done than any other yet come to our notice. North Carolina had better keep that Superintendent.

We extend a hearty welcome to our professional and Masonic brother, in his new field of labor, which is all the more difficult and exacting because of the eminence and acknowledged ability of his predecessor, Brother W. H. Seamon, who, in his work, had attracted the attention of the Masonic world. It goes without saying that there is very, very much in this report that we would like to copy

for the benefit of North Carolina Masons, but our limited space forbids the indulgence.

JAMES G. FITCH, *M. W. Grand Master.*

ALPHEUS A. KEEN, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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NEW YORK—1906.

125TH ANNUAL.

NEW YORK CITY.

MAY 1.

THIS large volume of proceedings of the largest Grand Jurisdiction of the American Continent, having a membership of nearly 140,000, is adorned with two beautifully engraved portraits, one of Past Grand Master William D. Milnor, the other of Right Worshipful John R. Gardner.

The exordium of the address of the Grand Master, Frank H. Robinson, gives this flattering statement of the condition of the Craft:

The completion of the first quarter of the second century of our existence as a Grand Lodge marks an epoch in our history crowned with unprecedented success. Everywhere, from the centers of business activities and the remote and sparsely settled hamlets of our jurisdiction come the glad tidings of prosperity and happiness. The conscientious labors of all have been abundantly rewarded and the blessed influence of untiring devotion, unflagging zeal and unselfish actions have resulted in immeasurable blessings to all our Masonic households. Our hearts go out in gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for all his mercies and our voices in truth and sincerity can exclaim with the Psalmist, "How beautiful are all thy tabernacles, oh Lord of Hosts."

The Masonic dead of his own jurisdiction receive fraternal and eloquent eulogy at the hands of the Grand Master, and the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions are not forgotten.

In relation to the calamity which befell the City of San Francisco, and the action taken by the Craft of New York the Grand Master briefly reports as follows:

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Week before last a great city was almost completely destroyed by earthquake and fire. Thousands of our brethren, their families and friends, were left homeless and penniless. No American city has ever suffered such a shocking calamity. Starvation and death on every hand in the great City of San Francisco touched the hearts of our people throughout the civilized world, unloosed the purse strings and almost an unlimited supply of food, clothing and money have been placed at the disposal of the proper authorities for the relief of the sufferers. In the very beginning of this disaster, the Grand Master of New York telegraphed the Grand Master of California most fraternal sympathy for the sufferers and invited him to draw on the Grand Lodge of this State for five thousand dollars as an advance pending voluntary contributions by our lodges throughout the State. Every Master was either telegraphed or written to collect and send contributions to our Grand Treasurer, and our brethren have been prompt and most generous. The craft of this State have again shown in a most substantial way that they are ready for and equal to all emergencies and that the spirit of our fraternity is not upon the surface but deep down in the hearts.

He reports the formation of three new lodges at points where there was promise of future prosperity and usefulness. He also reports the legislation enacted by the General Assembly of the State, to take effect Sept. 1, 1906, for the suppression of clandestine Masonry in the jurisdiction.

A large fund is being accumulated, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, for the establishment of a Masonic sanitorium for consumptives, and there is now in hand more than \$9,000 in money and a deed for 205 acres of land. Of this money and property the Grand Master says, in part:

In view of the action of the Grand Lodge, we are thoroughly committed as Trustees of all this property, and must guard the funds voluntarily contributed, until the time shall arrive when sufficient money is in hand with which to erect buildings and maintain the Sanitorium from the earnings of investments.

The Fraternity of New York have in mind to erect a noble monument in the very center of City Hall Park, New York City, to commemorate the virtues of a distinguished

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Mason, Daniel D. Tompkins, Grand Master of Masons in New York, Governor of the State, and Vice-President of the United States.

The great charity of this Craft, the Masonic Home at Utica, has always been their pride, and the Grand Lodge is now, as it has been in the past, very earnest in its desire to enlarge the institution and provide for its maintenance. For the last year the number of inmates has averaged 308, at a cost of \$204 per capita.

In the report of the Grand Secretary, he makes this modest statement of the generous response always made by the Fraternity to the cry of distress:

Whether by fire, pestilence or flood, at home or abroad, when the cry came, the genuine liberal hearts of the brethren have responded in fullest measure.

In a special report the Committee on Correspondence recites the action taken by the Grand Lodge of New York against an irregular lodge known as Pythagoras, No. 86, which was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg in 1851, and continued to work in the Grand Jurisdiction of New York until the present year. The Grand Lodge of Hamburg has recalled the warrant of Pythagoras Lodge, so that it has ceased to exist, its funds distributed, and its membership dispersed, and in consequence of this action the Committee recommends that the edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg be withdrawn and that fraternal relations be established.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which the matter was referred, was in no great hurry to forgive the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and reported as follows, and the report was simply ordered to be printed in the Proceedings:

We are pleased to learn that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg has withdrawn its warrant issued to the body, formerly known as Pythagoras Lodge, No. 86, and that said Lodge has gone out of existence.

Correspondence between this Grand Body and other Grand Bodies equally interested in the principles involved has been inaugurated, and

we confidently expect that a year hence fraternal relations between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg can and will be fully restored.

There are 672 Subordinate Lodges, with a total membership of 139,203, a net gain of about 10,000.

The Report on Correspondence, in ninety-eight pages, covers a condensed review of the Proceedings of 88 Grand Jurisdictions, North Carolina for 1905 being of the number and receiving fraternal notice.

The work of review is shared by the members of the Committee, William Sherer, Emil Frankel and J. Stewart Wilson.

TOWNSEND SCUDDER, *M. W. Grand Master.*

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### NEW ZEALAND—1904-5.

**T**HIS Annual was held at Palmerston North, May 10, 1905. At the opening of the Grand Lodge there were present many representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, R. W. Brother C. W. J. Griffiths doing the honors for the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

In his opening address the Grand Master, M. W. Brother Alfred H. Burton, briefly recited that the Grand Lodge, in every department, was in a most prosperous and satisfactory condition, and that the fund devoted to benevolence was growing apace.

From the report of the Board of Benevolence we take this extract as showing how the thoughts of these brethren are directed to practical charity:

The total free assets of Grand Lodge now exceed £10,000, of which the sum of £8,000 is earning interest; and this amount is being increased at the rate of over £1,000 per annum, so that in the course of a few years we should be able to provide for nearly all cases of charity from

the income arising from our accumulated capital, and thus dispense almost entirely with the system of Circular Appeal.

This strong position has only been attained by the generous response made by our Lodges to the constant and heavy demands upon them made by Grand Lodge during the past 15 years.

During its fifteen years of life the Grand Lodge, through its Board of Benevolence, has disbursed to needy brethren, their widows and orphans, the sum of £1,629, 28, 6d, and besides, no report is made of the charities by individual lodges.

Another organized charity, in which the funds are growing is that of The Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund, the ultimate purpose of which is the erection of a Home or the granting of annuities, either or both. The annuities granted from this fund amounted to £127 for the year, and the seven old recipients had the privilege and pleasure of living among their kindred and friends.

Very much of the report of the Board of General Purposes is given to the consideration of the relations between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and it is certainly discouraging to note the selfish, if not unfriendly attitude of the latter Grand Body, but the brethren of New Zealand are exhibiting a fine spirit of patience and tolerance as well as of independence, for all of which the reward is in sight.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland was cordially recognized.

There are 132 Subordinate Lodges, with a total membership of 7,221, a net gain of nearly 600 members.

ALFRED H. BURTON, *M. W. Grand Master.*

MALCOLM NICCOL, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*



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NEW ZEALAND—1906.

THIS volume is adorned with photographs of the Grand Master, Lord Plunket, the Governor of the Colony; of Frederick C. Binns, the Pro. Grand Master; of Past Grand Master and Present Grand Secretary, Malcolm Niccol; of the deceased brother, Past Grand Master and Premier of the Colony, Right Hon. Richard J. Sedden. Besides these, there is a photograph of a monument erected to the memory of Past Grand Master Henry Thomson. There is also a photograph of the retiring Grand Master, Alfred Henry Burton, and groups of the Grand Officers and of the Grand Superintendents of Districts.

The Annual Communication was held at Christ Church, May 9, 1906.

Grand Master Burton delivered an address, in which he briefly reviewed the condition of the Craft during his two years' administration, and he reported the Craft to be increasing in numbers, prospering financially beyond all expectations, and harmonious in its efforts for the advancement of Masonry.

As in the volume of last year, so in this, very much of the space is given to the correspondence arising from the ungenerous treatment of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to a lesser degree of that of the Grand Lodge of England. In the correspondence, and the argument adduced, the advantage is all in favor of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, both as to the argument and the manly and fraternal spirit by which it had been actuated. We hope and believe that in a very short time the justice of its position will be acknowledged by the two mother Grand Lodges of Scotland and England, and that real peace and brotherly love will prevail.

We note with pleasure that the salary of Brother Niccol has been increased to £600 per annum.

In the installation of Lord Plunket, the retiring Grand Master, Brother Burton acted as installing officer, and his



charge to the new executive was most eloquent and impressive.

In the address of Lord Plunket we give space to this long extract, as evidence of the appreciation of the obligation attaching to his position :

Previous occupants of this Throne have urged you to see that none but worthy men are admitted to our Order. In that advice I most fully concur. But in carefully guarding the porch, let us be sure that the candidate is of good report, discreet age, and sound judgment, whom after careful consideration you have found worthy, finds on admission that you are worthy also.

Elaborate ritual and good fellowship will not alone bind such a man to you; but combine with them that real object of our Craft, which I have so inadequately touched upon, and you will have a Brother for life, a tower of strength to the Lodge and to all his Brethren.

And before I leave this subject, let me add that it is upon the rank and file that this duty mainly devolves. The Grand Officers can but advise and encourage. It is to the ordinary Officers and Brethren of his Lodge that the newly-made Mason turns for a practical demonstration of the faith that is in them. It is to you, then, W. Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of our Lodges throughout the Colony, that I have earnestly addressed this advice.

Brethren, the New Zealand Constitution is prosperous and increasing, and if I am to believe what I hear on all sides it is steadily gaining, through the good conduct of its Brethren, honour and respect outside the Craft. The only jarring note which sounds in our ears year after year is the position taken up by the parent Grand Lodges at Home. My own former Grand Lodge is, I am proud to think, guiltless, and the Grand Lodge of England is showing generally a more fraternal feeling, but the attitude of the Grand Lodge of Scotland towards us and other Colonial Grand Lodges still gives us cause for sorrow and anxiety.

WILLIAM LEE, LORD PLUNKET,  
Governor New Zealand,  
*M. W. Grand Master.*

MALCOLM NICCOL, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

## NEVADA—1906.

42ND ANNUAL.

RENO.

JUNE 12.

THE portrait of Grand Master, Charles A. Beemar, forms the frontispiece of the volume.

In his address, which is a brief paper, he gives full account of his official doings for the year.

The Grand Lodge accepted the offer of the Elks to use their fine hall, on account of the delay in the completion of the Masonic Temple.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held September 16, 1905, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Reno Masonic Temple, and the occasion was made notable by exhibitions of oratory and fraternal good will.

Soon after the disaster to San Francisco the Grand Master issued an appeal for help to the Subordinate Lodges, and this appeal is such a well merited eulogy of the California Craft that we reproduce it for the benefit of our readers:

On the morning of April 18, 1906, California was visited by a severe earthquake, carrying fire and destruction in its wake. Within the sixty hours that followed, two-thirds of San Francisco, the metropolis of the Pacific Coast, and her neighboring cities and towns were destroyed. Hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens are homeless and destitute, and among them many of our Brethren and their families.\*

Charity and benevolence are the topmost rounds of Masonry's mystic ladder, and nowhere in the world have these tenets of our Craft been so glorified as by our California Brethren. Today, in their hour of need and suffering, our thoughts go out to them. Therefore, in the spirit of love, which pervades the hearts of all Masons, I call upon the Craftsmen of Nevada to contribute for the relief of our distressed Brethren, their families, widows and orphans.

This circular received such a prompt response that there were forwarded to Grand Master of California, and to the Boards of Relief, the sum total of \$3,502.55. This generous contribution of the Nevada Masons elicited this acknowledgement from Grand Master Flint:

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Dear Sir and Brother: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 10th, enclosing draft No. 643, drawn by the Nye and Ormsby County Bank of your city on the National Bank of Commerce of New York in the amount of \$615.50, for which please accept my deep and heartfelt appreciation of the generosity of the Brethren of your jurisdiction. It is certainly by far the largest contribution received, considering the number of members of the jurisdiction of Nevada. Please understand that it is my judgment at this time that ample funds are on hand to meet all relief required at this writing, and should any additional funds be received by you, kindly do not send to me, but withhold, pending further advices. I certainly shall not call again on Nevada as they have been far too liberal.

The decisions of the Grand Master were all approved.

The condition of the Craft is thus reported by the Grand Master:

From personal observation during my visitations and correspondence with those Lodges which I was unable to visit, I am happy to be able to say that the Lodges are in a fairly prosperous condition, that perfect harmony and good-fellowship prevails among them, and the individual members thereof; that a fair amount of work has been performed during the year; that the returns show an increase in membership over that of the previous year, and that perfect harmony exists between this and sister jurisdictions.

The number of working lodges in Nevada is twenty-three, and the membership 1,113, a net gain of 83.

The Report on Correspondence, 205 pages, or nearly two-thirds of the volume, was prepared by Brother E. D. Vanderleith, the Grand Commissioner of Review, as he is styled at home. His work at the Round Table is of the excellent quality which has marked his contributions in this department of Masonic work.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1905, receives fraternal notice and ample space.

We are sorry that we stole Brother Vanderleith's thunder on the subject of receipts for dues, for no better purpose than to give it to Brother Belden, who can always furnish what is needed of this commodity.

As to the good natured comments, that have been made, in regard to the high sounding title, with which he has been clothed by his Grand Lodge, Brother Vanderleith says, under New Mexico:

A fling is taken at the title bestowed upon us, "Grand Commissioner of Review." It wasn't our seeking. We are catholic enough to be suited with plain, unvarnished, "Chairman." We are only a humble secretary of a subordinate Lodge. As such we had no voice in the Grand Lodge as to our report. The Grand Master recommended we be made a member and the Grand Commissioner of Review was the result. Titles are not to our liking. If we can serve worthily to the credit of the Craft we will be content.

WALTER J. HARRIS, *M. W. Grand Master.*

CHAUNCEY N. NOTEWARE, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### NORTH DAKOTA—1906.

17TH ANNUAL.

FARGO.

JUNE 26.

AS pictorial adornments of the volume, we find the portraits of the Grand Master, Louis A. Jacobson, and photographs of a corner stone laying at Hillsboro, June 20th; a group of Tuscan Lodge No. 45, in an open air meeting, June 54th on Park Island, in Lake Metigoshe, in the Turtle Mountains, and of the Grand Lodge and delegates in front of the Masonic Temple at Fargo. They all contribute to make the volume more attractive.

In a comparatively brief address Grand Master Jacobson gives a full account of his official acts for the year just coming to a close. The usual topics discussed in these papers receive consideration. The fraternal dead are referred to in appropriate terms, and thanks are expressed that death has not visited the ranks of the Grand Lodge.

He reports having issued dispensations for the formation of four new lodges, and on other applications he failed to take action, but referred them to his successor.

In relation to the work, he issued a circular letter to the lodges, in which he announced that the dates for the official visits would be fixed in due time, and that the Grand Lecturer should receive from the visited lodge five dollars per day, and expenses.

The Grand Master's decisions were comparatively few, only six, but two of these were very properly disapproved. They are as follows:

Question 5. Statement: A candidate having been elected to receive the degrees in Masonry is subsequently, and prior to the conferring of the Entered Apprentice degree, found to have been indicted and under bond for his appearance in court for violation of the prohibitory law. The lodge was willing to confer the degree, believing that the offense had been condoned, and knowing that the candidate was living a moral life, and is not now engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors illegally.

Question: Can the lodge legally proceed to confer the degrees; if not, what should be the course to pursue?

Answer: To the first question: No. A candidate under indictment, or under bonds to appear for trial for violation of the prohibitory law, is ineligible to be made a Mason.

To second question: Return petition and fee to candidate, and expunge from the minutes of the lodge all record of the reception of the petition and the election of the candidate. (Modified.)

Following this decision, and from the same lodge, the following question was asked:

Question 6. Statement: The candidate who has been elected to receive the degrees while under bonds for trial for violation of the prohibitory law, appeared in court and pleaded guilty of the offense, was given a suspended sentence and his bonds released.

Question: Is the lodge now at liberty to receive his petition?

Answer: Yes. Being neither under indictment nor bonds for the violation of the prohibitory law, the reception of his petition lies at the discretion of the lodge. (Disapproved.)

In this case the candidate was not under the tongue of good report, and his application should not have been received by the lodge. In its opinion the Jurisprudence Committee expressed itself as follows, and we think in accordance with the general law:

That decision No. 5 be modified to read as follows: No. A candidate under indictment, or under bonds, to appear for trial for violation

of any of the penal statutes of the state is ineligible to be made a Mason. We disapprove that part of the decision which recommends the expunging from the records of the lodge all reference to the receiving of the petition and the election of the candidate. We believe the better practice is to correct the mistaken action by a reference to the ruling of the Grand Master entered on the minutes of the lodge.

Decision No. 6 is disapproved. We do not believe that one should be made a Mason over whom the courts of the state hold criminal jurisdiction by means of a suspended sentence. No one should be elected, initiated, passed or raised while under indictment or sentence, even tho the sentence be suspended.

In response to the cry of distress from San Francisco and the neighboring towns, the North Dakota lodges responded promptly by contributing \$1,385 for the relief of the sufferers.

In the report of the Grand Secretary, Brother Frank J. Thompson he called attention to the troubles which often arise from the careless preparation of returns, by the Subordinate Lodge Secretaries, but unfortunately he is not alone in making these well founded complaints. From this excellent report of Brother Thompson, we take this extract, as showing the protection which the North Dakota Craft has against the inroads of clandestines:

This Grand Lodge has taken very wise precautions in anticipating and circumventing the visitation of members of clandestine lodges, many of whom are ignorant that they are clandestine Masons. The "List of Regular Lodges in the World," which was sent to the various lodges during the past year, doubtless is almost a specific against imposition of this kind. And this brings up the question of whether a new list of regular lodges shall be sent out this year, or whether the matter will be deferred for action at some subsequent annual communication. The books are not published until September each year and those distributed were of last September edition, so the information is still fresh.

The Grand Lodge of North Dakota has under its jurisdiction 78 lodges, four of which are still working under dispensation. The total membership is 5,567.

The Report on Correspondence, thirteen pages is the work of Past Grand Master, Robert M. Carothers, and is a



review of the legislation in part of other Grand Lodges. We are of the few who do not think that only a legal disquisition is of the most service to the average lodge member. As we find it, it is only exceptionally that reading Masons pay very much attention to a study of Masonic Law, even that of their own jurisdiction. For these reasons, we believe that the usual plan of writing these reports will be more serviceable.

GRANT S. HAGER, *M. W. Grand Master.*

FRANK J. THOMPSON, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### NOVA SCOTIA—1905.

40TH ANNUAL.

SYDNEY.

JUNE 14.

**A** PHOTOGRAPH of Grand Master, Charles R. Smith, K. C., in full regalia of his rank, forms the frontispiece.

After the opening of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary announced that every lodge had made returns and all but one had paid their dues.

The address of the Grand Master is an itemized statement of his official acts. As a subject of King Edward VII, the Grand Master gives expression of the loyalty of the Nova Scotians to the Throne.

His reference to the Masonic dead is appropriate, and his tribute to the memory of Rev. David Christmas Moore is tender and eloquent. His decisions were not numerous, and were generally approved.

On his recommendation, the new Grand Lodge of Queensland was fraternally recognized, and cordial good wishes for its usefulness and prosperity expressed. He reports granting a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge at Sydney.

Brother Thomas Mowbray, the Grand Secretary, reports



sixty-five lodges chartered, and one under dispensation, the aggregate membership of which is 4,417, a gain of 246.

Brother James Dempster, the Grand Treasurer, reports the financial condition of the Grand Lodge to be entirely satisfactory.

The fund of benevolence amounts to \$1,635.65 available for affording transient relief.

The reports of the District Deputies indicate that the individual lodges, generally are prosperous and useful.

The request for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was referred to a special committee with instructions to report at the next Annual Communication.

The Grand Master referred in his address, to the necessity of making provisions for aged and indigent Masons, and to this end the Grand Lodge decided to impose a per capita assessment upon every Master Mason in the Province.

He also reported a decree requiring documentary evidence of good standing from visitors who failed to receive personal avouchment as to regularity, and his action was approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Report on Correspondence, 217 pages, is the careful work of Brother Thomas Mowbray, P. D. D. G. M., Grand Secretary, in which he furnishes a review of the transactions of 64 Grand Lodges, among them North Carolina for 1905. North Carolina is indebted to Brother Mowbray for kindly consideration of its official doings, and this reporter equally so for complimentary personal reference.

CHARLES R. SMITH, *M. W. Grand Master.*

THOMAS MOWBRAY, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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OHIO—1905.

96TH ANNUAL.

TOLEDO.

OCT. 18.

**P**HOTOGRAPHS of the retiring Grand Master, C. G. Ballou, and of Past Grand Master, Reuben C. Lemmon,

recently deceased, one of the most prominent members of the Craft, and a citizen eminent in civil life, add to the attractions of this volume. Besides these are photographs of the aprons and jewels of the Grand Lodge Officers. There are also cuts of the Masonic Home, and the recently constructed hospital. Most notable of the pictures is that of a medal presented to Past Grand Master W. M. Cunningham, as a memorial of his eminent service to the Fraternity, but especially to commemorate the fact that this is his fifty-first consecutive attendance upon the meetings of the Grand Lodge. The presentation of the medal was attended with exhibitions of genuine feeling and flights of oratory and poetry.

In his address the Grand Master made a full accounting of his stewardship; he reports the Fraternity of his jurisdiction to be in a most prosperous condition, and the net gains in membership for the year to be 3,393, making a total of 61,636.

To the Masonic dead, of his own and other jurisdictions, he paid an affectionate tribute.

Three new lodges were constituted and their officers duly installed, and dispensation issued for the formation of a new lodge.

The decisions of the Grand Master were approved.

The Masonic Home, which has now in its care one hundred and sixty-seven inmates, naturally receives commendation from the Grand Master. He thus describes his visit to the Home and the conditions which were presented to him:

On May 10, 1895, together with the Masons of Springfield, it was my happy lot to be received by the Board of Trustees, Superintendent, and residents of the Ohio Masonic Home.

It was the occasion on which the Order of the Eastern Star turned over to the Masonic Fraternity the splendid Hospital building which they had completed and thoroughly equipped from turret to foundation stone, at a cost of \$13,523.48. This building, with all of its equipments, was turned over free and clear of all incumbrances, for the exclusive use of the Ohio Masonic Home.

One who has not inspected the building and considered its beauti-

ful and thoughtful arrangement can hardly appreciate this splendid gift, and what it will mean for those for whom it is intended. The heartfelt thanks of this Fraternity ought to be extended in fitting terms to the Order of the Eastern Star for this magnificent present. After viewing the building and partaking of a substantial repast, the residents of the Home, officers of the Board, Order of the Eastern Star, Masons of Springfield and others present were assembled in the reception hall and on the veranda for the purpose of witnessing the formal transfer of the Hospital to the Masonic Fraternity. The splendid and appropriate speeches by members of the Eastern Star, Board of Directors, and Masons present were interspersed with songs by the children of the Home. I believe I never witnessed a more impressive scene than presented itself to me that day. As I stood looking at the upturned faces of our aged Brethren and sisters and the innocent faces of the children, all radiant with smiles in the thought of the comfort and happiness which this great Fraternity, represented by me upon that occasion, had given to them, I wished that every Mason in the State might have been present and witnessed the same scene, for I know that every heart would have throbbed with joy in the thought that we had undertaken to build and maintain this beautiful Home, and in every way perform this magnificent act of love.

I was profoundly impressed by the zeal with which the men, women, and children pressed forward desiring to grasp the Grand Master by the hand, the person who represented that great Fraternity which meant so much to them.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio has an official cipher ritual, one copy of which, is to be issued to the Worshipful Master of each lodge, to each District Lecturer, to each Grand Lodge Officer, to each Past Grand Master and to each Past Deputy Grand Master.

The Report on Correspondence, 375 pages is, as usual prepared by Past Grand Master, W. M. Cunningham, and reviews fully the transactions of sixty-five English speaking Grand Lodges, and sixteen non-English speaking Grand Lodges.

The Proceedings of North Carolina for 1905, receives kindly consideration from Brother Cunningham, and a careful summary of its doings. Beside his careful review of the several Grand Lodges, Brother Cunningham's "Introductory," of nineteen pages, is of great interest, and covers

the discussion of topics important to the Craft, but for want of space it is impossible for us to make even a quotation.

LEWIS P. SCHAUS, *M. W. Grand Master*.  
J. H. BROMWELL, *R. W. Grand Secretary*.

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# OKLAHOMA—1906.

14TH ANNUAL.

GUTHRIE.

FEB. 13.

THE likeness of the retiring Grand Master, George H. Phillips, occupies the fly leaf of the volume.

This extract from the opening of his address indicates that the Fraternity of Oklahoma is in satisfactory condition:

During the past year our prosperity has been great. Masonry has been zealous, and her advance has been side by side with that made in Art, Science, Education and Religion. •

In the midst of our prosperity an unusual condition is approaching. With the coming of statehood we will have two Grand Lodges in one State. May our acts be guided by Wisdom and tempered with Justice in everything that pertains to this condition when it confronts us.

Our Lodges are prospering and the end of the year is as bright and auspicious as was the beginning.

Sixteen lodges have been constituted and dispensations issued for the formation of fifteen others. One lodge was forced to surrender its charter because the town in which it was situated was moved a few miles into Indian Territory. Some few disputes between individual lodges have arisen, but they were easily adjusted.

Under the head of "Decisions," the Grand Master reported no less than seventy-six questions to be answered, and his answers were generally approved as being in accord with local enactments, except the following to which the Committee on Law and Usage declined to give its endorsement, and we think the Committee was correct:

18. March 24, 1905: Tonkawa Lodge says: Their Master has

permanently left Oklahoma and did not resign. They wish to elect a worshipful master and ask what they shall do?

Answer. The office is vacant by virtue of the officer moving permanently from the jurisdiction.

The subject which enlisted the most interest in the Grand Lodge was that of building up a Masonic Home fund until it reached, at least, the amount of \$50,000 and the brethren who are in the lead in the movement are so able and zealous that it may safely be predicted that success will crown their efforts.

The number of lodges in this comparatively young jurisdiction is 141, an increase of 15 lodges, with a total membership of 6,777, an increase of 837.

The Report on Correspondence is prepared by the venerable and experienced Grand Secretary, Brother James S. Hunt, covering nearly two hundred pages. He apologizes for the report which he fears is not creditable, but we beg to assure Brother Hunt it is thoroughly interesting and profitable, and there is no reason why he or his Grand Lodge need be ashamed.

This explanation in his introduction will show that he was overworked, and it gave rise to the fear on his part that the work was not up to the standard:

As the Grand Lodge has very wisely relieved the Grand Secretary from this extra duty by appointing Past Grand Master Wm. M. Anderson as chairman of this committee, this is probably our last report, and being the last, we regret that we are unable to give the necessary time for its preparation. Handicapped by our official duties and our advanced age of 73 years, we think we are entitled to tender to the Guild our fraternal regards and to retire from the round table without regret.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1905, are fully summarized. He pays this compliment to the "Old North State":

This Grand Old Jurisdiction has profited by her one hundred and eighteen years of Masonic organization and at this annual communication seems to have reached her zenith in harmonious prosperity and unqualified satisfaction with the present condition of the jurisdiction.

Brother Hunt gives his approval to the rulings of Grand Master Liddell, and thinks these decisions will meet with no adverse criticism, but just there, dear brother, you are in error, for Brother Eggleston of Virginia thinks that the man with the double hairlip ought to be entirely fit. He commends, heartily the work done by the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

For kind personal reference, we thank Brother Hunt, and hope to find him at the Round Table next year, where his ripe experience and Masonic learning may be utilized by every reader.

FRED D. SPARKS, *M. W. Grand Master.*

JAMES S. HUNT, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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OREGON.—1906.

56TH ANNUAL.

PORTLAND.

JUNE 13.

THE address of Grand Master, William H. Flanagan, whose portrait forms the frontispiece, is an unusually brief report of his administration, covering only six pages of the scheme, but it commends itself for its brevity, coupled with clearness and fulness.

This is what he says of the conditions of the Fraternity:

There have been years when greater accessions have been made numerically than our reports now show, but there have been none when there has been evidenced a truer conception of the underlying principles of our fraternity, or when there has been manifested a more earnest desire to maintain the high standard which in all ages has been the distinguishing requisite for admission to our order.

He makes affectionate reference to the death of the venerable Grand Tyler, Gustaf Wilson, who retired permanently from his station after thirty years of service.

On account of the disasters of the coast towns of California, he wired to the Grand Master of that jurisdiction a



contribution of \$500 for present use and further sums if needed, besides this the voluntary contributions of the lodges amounted to \$2,100.

He reports having granted dispensations for the formation of two new lodges, and having refused several others.

As will happen, in the best regulated families and in the best regulated lodges, he reports some dissensions that were healed and some that required discipline. On account of chronic discord in one of the lodges, the Grand Lodge found it necessary to revoke its charter on the recommendation of the Committee on Law and Usage.

Uniformity of work claimed the attention of the Grand Master and of the Grand Lodge, and for this purpose a special committee of five was appointed to prepare and formulate a ritual which would be the standard.

He refers to the necessity of members of the Oregon Craft being furnished with documentary evidence of their good standing before they could be received as visitors in other Grand Jurisdictions, and in consequence, the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence recommended an amendment to the By-laws which reads as follows:

“No visitor shall be admitted to any lodge under this jurisdiction unless lawfully vouched for as a Master Mason in good standing. Documentary evidence alone shall not be sufficient to justify avouchment. In addition to strict trial and due examination of his knowledge of Masonry, every lodge or committee shall require a strange visitor to produce a certificate under the seal of his lodge, that he is a member of such lodge in good standing, which certificate shall also be fortified by a certificate under seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction under which the same shall be held, that the lodge issuing the certificate is a lodge in good standing in the said jurisdiction.”

In the diplomatic gallery, we find as the representative of North Carolina, W. T. Williamson, the Grand Master elect.

The Grand Lodge having been called off, “a pleasant episode” is recorded, “A rose among the thorns,” which narrates the official reception of “The Grand Chapter of the



Eastern Star," through its Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Claud Gatch and other officers of the Chapter, after which the Grand Lodge resumed its labors.

There are, in this Grand Jurisdiction, 109 Subordinate Lodges, with a total membership of 7,689, showing a net gain of 355.

The Report on Correspondence by Brother J. M. Hodson covers 190 pages, and reviews the transactions of sixty-six Grand Lodges, Montana for two years.

The Proceedings of North Carolina for 1905 receive very careful and fraternal consideration from Brother Hodson, and we are of the same mind with him as to the way of building Masonic Temples, or building anything else.

There are so many things in this report that we would like to quote that we must content ourselves with simply copying his introduction:

Brethren:—We again have the pleasure of presenting for your perusal the results of our labors in the reportorial field. No particularly new discoveries have been made. The history of the Masonic year has been quiet, almost monotonous. Steady advancement all along the line and prosperity in every field of endeavor has brought less variety than in some former years. The fraternity is steadily increasing in numbers and growing in wealth and influence, and its wealth is being more and more liberally poured out for the promotion of the great objects of Masonry. Charity and Education are receiving more pointed and practical attention every year. Homes and schools are being either provided for at once or the plans are being worked out for the future in nearly every Grand Lodge, and if the present degree of peace and prosperity continues to prevail for a few years longer no Grand Lodge will be without a complete equipment for caring for its aged and unfortunate and its young and helpless. We see the dawn and hope to live and work until the light of the perfect day shines all about us.

W. T. WILLIAMSON, *M. W. Grand Master.*

JAMES F. ROBINSON, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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PENNSYLVANIA—1905.

THIS volume is, as usual, adorned with a cut of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, the finest building in

the world, given over exclusively to Masonic purposes. The outlay for improvement and alteration for the year, up to the 15th of November was \$96,637.41. Besides this cut, there are two handsome engravings of J. B. Freeman, Grand Master in 1836, and of John M. Read, who was Grand Master in 1837 and 1838.

The financial interests of the Grand Lodge are so immense that very much of the space is given over to the reports of the committees having the different funds in charge. There were disbursed by the almoners of the Grand Lodge charity fund the sum of \$5,195 to 519 applicants; by the Stewards of the Stephen Girard charity fund, the sum of \$2,640 to 127 applicants from different jurisdictions; and by the bursars of the Thomas R. Patton memorial charity fund, the sum of \$2,993 to 367 applicants, making a total of 1,013 persons to whom relief was extended in the sum of \$10,828.

Through the recommendation of the Correspondence Committee, the Grand Lodge of Queensland was fraternally recognized, with best wishes for its prosperity, but the application of Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was denied on recommendation of the same Committee.

At the Communication of Dec. 6th, the Grand Master on the eve of his retirement, after two years of successful administration of the affairs of the Grand Jurisdiction, made a final report of his stewardship, and we take this extract, as showing the condition of the Fraternity:

With no inducements to offer and no solicitations to any, our Craft grows with great rapidity; our Lodges increase in membership from the wisest, most prominent and best men of our Commonwealth. They grow in material prosperity and are yearly dispensing more charity and help to the desolate orphans and widows and our unfortunate Brethren.

Nearly six pages of the volume are devoted to the recital of decisions, which will be the law of the jurisdiction until reversed by one of his successors.

These decisions, which we have numbered one and two, we cannot accept without some reservation:

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No lecture or address of any character may be delivered to a Lodge, without submission first to the Grand Master, and his approval obtained.

One with two thumbs on one hand is physically disqualified.

No. 1 is too sweeping, and leaves nothing to the discretion and good sense of the Master and Wardens of the lodge. We are one of the many who believe in the benefits to accrue to the membership of the lodge, by listening to lectures on the principles and history of Masonry delivered by capable brethren.

No. 2 is so slight a disqualification that the knife or scissors might be called in for its removal. These supernumerary fingers and toes are usually only little tags, that might easily be taken away.

He reported the constitution of six lodges, during the year.

The incoming Grand Master, George W. Kendrick, made a short address, from which we extract this paragraph about the Masonic Home:

The Masonic Home has received the commendation and congratulations of my predecessors in office, but it has not received the financial recognition from this Grand Lodge that its magnificent work so richly deserves. We have cared for Brethren who undoubtedly would have been a care and burden upon our Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, had it not been for our ability to provide for them at the Home, thereby in a measure relieving us of an additional appropriation which would have been necessitated by the increasing number of applicants.

In this large Grand jurisdiction, there are 448 lodges, with a total membership of 71,249, showing a net gain of 3,543.

The Report on Correspondence is prepared by Brother James M. Lamberton, and in 261 pages, he gives fraternal review to the transactions of sixty-five Grand Jurisdictions, in which North Carolina received very kindly consideration and the space of nearly five pages. Commenting upon the report of Grand Master W. S. Liddell, in which he states

the purpose for which a Special Communication was held; he says, and we agree with him fully:

If Masonry in that, or any other community, has to be "stimulated and encouraged" in the manner indicated, we say "For goodness sake, don't!"

Brother Lamberton commends the action of the Grand Lodge in its presentation of a silver service to Brother G. Rosenthal, Treasurer of the Orphan Asylum, and says:

How much better it is to let a Brother know that his zeal and efficiency are appreciated while he is with us, than to wait until his ears are sealed in death, to let our thoughts be known.

GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., *R. W. Grand Master.*

WILLIAM A. SINN, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—1906.

31ST ANNUAL.

CHARLOTTETOWN.

JUNE 25.

THIS booklet, of about sixty pages, contains the record of the Grand Lodge's transactions, the roster of fourteen lodges and an Appendix containing a list of the clandestine lodges in the United States.

The address of the Grand Master, Charles H. S. Sterns, is a brief paper, but contains an account of his official doings. He gives attention forcibly to the necessity of accumulating a benevolent fund, and he states that his efforts in this particular have been crowned with reasonable success, and that now the fund amounts to \$785.

His official visits have been numerous, and as the result of his personal inspection, he gives this account of the condition of the Craft:

During my official year I have had the privilege of visiting every Lodge in the Jurisdiction, and judging from my own observations I am pleased to inform you that Masonry is flourishing, nearly every Lodge having increased its membership, and the material added in almost every case of a very high order.

Peace, happiness and prosperity exists between the Brethren, and all seem to dwell in unity, believing that "who best can work who best agree."

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary indicate, that although the Craft is not growing, it is holding its own.

There are fourteen lodges with a total membership of 635, showing a small increase.

W. K. ROGERS, *M. W. Grand Master.*

NEIL MACKELVIE, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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QUEBEC—1906.

36TH ANNUAL.

MONTREAL.

JAN. 31.

THE portrait of the Grand Secretary, Will. H. Whyte, forms the frontispiece of the volume.

The address of the Grand Master, David A. Manson, is a comparatively brief paper, but contains every important item of a successful administration and refers to the condition of the Province and of the Craft in the following paragraph:

The year now numbered with the past has been crowded with events of prime importance. The great war in the East, which has proved so disastrous to one of the belligerents, and equally cruel and exhausting to the other, has now happily been closed; but discordant notes are heard, and unrest and disquietude prevail in many lands. How much reason have we, then, for praise and thanksgiving. Our Empire is at peace with the world, and harmony prevails within our borders. Our own fair Dominion is enjoying a period of unprecedented development. Prosperity crowns the efforts of all classes. Hopefulness and contentment are common to our people. Responsive to these conditions our time honored institution is rapidly developing strength, and becoming more and more a power for good in the land.

He reports the formation of two lodges under dispensation and the application for the formation of two others.

The Masonic dead, in his own and other jurisdictions, are appropriately referred to. His rulings were few, and me the approval of the Grand Lodge.

He made several official visits, and was in each instance cordially received and hospitably entertained. His action in regard to spurious Masonry is reported in the following paragraph, and he is to be commended for not having lost his head or become hysterical. He says:

Documents regarding Illegitimate or Spurious Masonry, with warnings, have been received from various Grand Lodges. Ohio, District of Columbia, Kansas, Massachusetts and other Jurisdictions have sent out notices, circulars and lists. These frequent communications have caused us to seriously consider the question, and the Grand Secretary has compiled a list of all irregular bodies whose existence has so far been communicated, and has issued a copy to each Lodge with a warning to each Master and Board of Examination of Visitors, to be especially careful to find out if the applicant for admission belongs to a Lodge hailing from a regular and acknowledged Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary's report shows that there are 58 lodges, at this session, with universal prosperity, ample funds in the treasury and a growth in membership up to 5,000 showing a net increase of 288 over last year.

Instead of the annual oration, which we find in many of the Grand Lodge Proceedings, this volume contains a discourse, by the District Grand Chaplain, Rev. T. Stannish Boyle, of great interest in some of the symbolisms of Masonry.

The relations with the Grand Lodge of England have become more satisfactory and, in consequence, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, since the correspondence was held between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Quebec regarding recognition by the former, the Grand Lodge of England has made changes in its constitution which render it desirable that formal recognition should now take place in order that the interests of Masonry should thereby be greatly promoted.

*Be it Resolved*, "that the Grand Master be and is hereby authorized to enter into fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of England with the view of completing said negotiations and our application for recognition and by arranging for an exchange of representatives, and the issuing of a Commission to some well skilled brother to represent this Grand Body near the said Grand Lodge of England."



The most attractive feature of this volume is the admirable and scholarly Report on Correspondence, by Past Grand Master, E. T. D. Chambers. In his introduction, he reviews with satisfaction the phenomenal growth of the Craft in North America, and the evidences of its extensive and organized charities.

He discusses also, the proceedings of the so-called Masonic Congress, held under the auspices of the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina, and we extract this paragraph:

We freely admit that a perusal of the proceedings tends to the conviction that the Grand Lodge Alpina was and is perfectly sincere in its desire to do good and fervently believes that it is working in the interests of genuine Freemasonry. We also believe that it is deceiving itself. There is no need at all for the "unification" of Freemasonry as it understands it. It has grouped together some twenty Grand Orients and Grand Lodges, mostly European, none of them English-speaking we are glad to say, and including among their number the Grand Orient of France. This, in itself, is of necessity sufficient to insure the failure of its efforts to establish a bond of union between the company in which it has cast its lot and the British and American Grand Lodges. It frankly admits "that the Grand Orient of France was wrong in renouncing the formula respecting the Great Architect of the Universe," but fails apparently to see that that organization, by such action placed itself entirely outside the pale of legitimate Masonry, and enters upon an extensive attempt to excuse it and to justify itself in continuing to recognise it.

DAVID A. MANSON, *M. W. Grand Master.*

WILL H. WHYTE, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### QUEENSLAND—1906.

A SPECIAL Communication was held July 26, 1905, at Brisbane; a Quarterly was held the 11th of September, 1905, and a Special on the 4th of October following and on the 30th of the same month.

Another Special was held on the 18th of November 1905; a Quarterly on the 11th of December 1905, and the last Quar-



terly was held on March 12, 1906. Other Specials were held in June, 1906.

Very much of this volume naturally has reference to the attitude of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, but very much more is given to the consideration of the support and sympathy which have been extended to the Grand Lodge of Queensland by other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Master reports that the jurisdiction is poor in money, but even then he reports seventy pounds expended in charity, and a surplus of 106 pounds in the benevolent fund.

The Grand Lodge commenced its life with 39 lodges, and a membership of 1,500, but the lodges, by this time, have grown to the number of forty-five, and the membership to 1,700, a very good showing for its first year.

We wish to express to our brethren of the distant and struggling young Grand Lodge, a hearty God speed and a prosperous and successful life.

G. S. HUTTON, *M. W. Grand Master.*

C. H. HARLEY, *V. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### RHODE ISLAND—1906.

116TH ANNUAL.

PROVIDENCE.

MAY 21.

THE likeness of Grand Master, Joseph W. Freeman, occupies the fly leaf of the volume, which records the transactions of the Grand Lodge at the Semi-annual Communication of Nov. 20, 1905, and of several Special Communications for the purpose of laying corner stones. On each of these special occasions eloquent and instructive eulogies on Masonry were delivered by distinguished brethren of that jurisdiction.

After the opening of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, Brother Walter E. Ranger, Grand Master of

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Masons of Vermont was introduced, and delivered an eloquent and carefully prepared address, from which we take this brief extract as showing the condition of the Craft in the Green Mountain State:

To-day Vermont has a Mason for every thirty of population, and one in every eight men of lawful age, a ratio probably unparalleled. From the weakest in Masonry she has become one of the strongest. And the loyal Brethren scattered among her hills do not forget zealously to conserve the principles and practices for which the fathers suffered.

At the Semi-annual Communication, an unusual condition of dissension and disagreement in one of the lodges was reported, and the members were warned that without amendment, their charter would be revoked.

The address of the Grand Master, at the Annual Communication, gave a full account of his official doings, which included his reference to the fraternal dead, special dispensations, official visitations and laying of corner stones.

The California earthquake startled the brethren of Rhode Island and the Grand Master wired a thousand dollars for immediate relief, and in addition issued a circular to the lodges for contributions, and the response was prompt, and at the closing of the Grand Lodge \$3,091.31 had been placed in the hands of the Grand Treasurer for this relief fund. As to the duties and promptings of Masons under conditions of this kind, the Grand Master said:

We ought to welcome—I believe we do welcome—the opportunity given us by such calamities as this—distressing and saddening as they are—to show that Masonry practices as well as preaches brotherly love and relief. The thrill of satisfaction that possesses one when he knows that his money, hard earned and, it may be, laid aside for some cherished want, is actually feeding the hungry and clothing the naked Brother whom he has never seen or heard of, is worth all the denial it may have cost. This is actual Masonry, the kind of Masonry that counts; and an opportunity of this kind is worth far more than it costs, because it shows to the world, and to the occasional cynical Brother who so often says “Masonry is not what it used to be,” that it is an active, vital force on which we may safely lean in times of adversity and disaster.

The reports of the District Deputies show the Craft to be in excellent condition, with a membership of 6,483, a gain of 181 in the 37 lodges of the jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodges of Alberta and Porto Rico were duly recognized.

No general Report on Correspondence.

WALTER A. PRESBREY, *M. W. Grand Master.*

S. PENROSE WILLIAMS, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA—1906.

THIS pamphlet gives a record of the business transacted at the Half-yearly Communication of October 18, 1905, and the Annual of April 18, 1906.

Both Communications evidently had for their sole purpose the accumulation of benevolent funds, as may be seen by these extracts:

The sum of £110 8s. has been expended during the half-year out of the available Benevolent Fund for the relief of 30 petitioners. During the same period the sum of £127 15s. has been disbursed from the "Freemasons' Hall Trust Benevolent Fund" in periodical payments for the relief of special cases.

The Balance Sheet at December 31, 1905, and statement of Receipts and Expenditure are herewith presented.

The Funds are in credit as under:—

General Fund.....	£ 642 8 11
Benevolent Fund.....	1,075 11 6
Permanent Benevolent Fund.....	996 13 8

The Balance Sheet of the Trustees of the Freemasons' Hall Property Fund at December 31, 1905, and the Revenue Account for the year is submitted by the Hon. Treasurer. The assets of this fund now amount to £20,140 7s. 6d.

The total worth of Grand Lodge Funds is as under:

Freemasons' Hall Property.....	£ 20,140 7 6
Grand Lodge General Fund.....	642 9 11
Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund.....	1,075 11 6
Grand Lodge Permanent Benevolent Fund..	996 13 8

£ 22,855 2 8

A Statement showing the amount received and expended on account of the "Freemasons' Hall Trust Benevolent Fund" is printed herewith; during the year indigent Freemasons and the widows of Freemasons to the number of seventeen have received periodical relief from this fund to the extent of £269 15s.

In addition to the above, the sum of £201 16s. has been expended out of the available Benevolent Fund for the relief of 51 Petitioners, and £25 15s. donations to charitable institutions.

Right Hon. Sir Samuel J. Way was reelected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

J. H. CUNNINGHAM, *V. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### SOUTH CAROLINA.—1905.

129TH ANNUAL.

CHARLESTON.

DEC. 12.

**S**PECIAL Communications were held, for the purpose of laying corner stones, the most notable of these being the laying of the corner stone of the Confederate Monument at Chester, S. C., on the 10th of May, 1905.

At the opening of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina, there were present all the Grand Officers and the representatives of the Subordinate Lodges.

Among the Grand Lodge representatives, we recognize Past Grand Master, Brother J. T. Barron, as doing the honors for North Carolina. It is gratifying to the friends of Brother Barron, in North Carolina, that his abilities were recognized by his appointment to fill, temporarily, the office of Secretary, during the illness of Brother Inglesby.

The address of the Grand Master, John R. Bellinger, is like that of last year, an able and interesting state paper. He reports a long list of decisions, thirty-six in number, which were all approved by the Jurisprudence Committee.

The Grand Master gives this brief account of one of the public ceremonials which he conducted:

On May 3d, 1905, by request of the County Commissioners of Kershaw County, I laid the corner-stone of the new Court House at Camden. This Court House stands upon the lot where the building stood in which General LaFayette was entertained when he laid the corner-stone of the DeKalb Monument. On this occasion, I used the silver trowel, which was first used by General LaFayette, and I had the pleasure of meeting a grand-son and a grand-daughter of the Brother who made and presented it.

In reference to the changes in the office of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Master pays this compliment to Brothers Inglesby and Barron:

The health of our distinguished Brother R.W. Charles Inglesby, rendering it absolutely necessary for him to have assistance in the discharge of his duties, I cheerfully granted his request to appoint M. W. Brother Jacob T. Barron, as his assistant, and for several months he has discharged the duties of the office in the most exemplary manner, to my entire satisfaction, and for the welfare of the Craft. He has rendered me valuable assistance since his connection with the office, and I extend to him my sincere thanks. Of Brother Inglesby, I can only say that I pray the all-wise Father of the Universe to comfort him in his sickness, and, if it be His will, to restore him to health and spare him to the Craft for many years to come.

The brethren of South Carolina have commenced a movement for a Masonic Home, by appointing a committee whose duty it will be to look into the matter in all its bearings, and report its findings at the next Annual Meeting.

This very satisfactory state of the Craft, is reported by Brother Bellinger:

During all my thirty years' experience as a Mason, I have never known Masonry to be in a more prosperous condition, or working upon a higher plane. From every quarter of the State the same report comes to me. The old Lodges are growing in membership and in financial strength, and new ones are being formed. Better still, the new members are composed of the finest and most intellectual members of their several communities—men who are honored and respected by the fellows, and, therefore, men who must be of benefit to Masonry, and to whom Masonry must do good. Brethren, I believe that the hand of the Almighty is with us; that He is guiding and directing us, and I pray that the influence of the Holy Spirit may always abide with us, and

direct, strengthen, confirm and assist us in all that is good and noble and true. Thus influenced, Masonry will continue to grow, and to spread its benign influences wider and wider over the earth, until we realize in its fullest extent the truth of the Universal Brotherhood of Mankind, and the Fatherhood of God.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary indicate that the financial condition of the Grand Lodge is entirely satisfactory.

The total number of lodges is 206, and the membership 8,688.

Owing to the death of Brother Charles Inglesby, there is no Report on Correspondence. He died in March, 1906, and his loss as a capable, intelligent reviewer will be felt for some time to come.

FRANK E. HARRISON, *M. W. Grand Master.*

JACOB T. BARRON, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### SOUTH DAKOTA.—1906.

32ND ANNUAL.

SIoux FALLS.

JUNE 12.

THE pictorial adornments consist of the likeness of the Grand Master, Edgar D. Brookman, a photograph of a handsome Masonic Temple and Grand Lodge library; the corner stone of which, was laid Oct. 10, 1905, and which was dedicated to Masonic uses at this session of the Grand Lodge. This is a very handsome and imposing structure quite in contrast with the primitive building in which the first convention was held for the formation of the Grand Lodge, at Elk Point, thirty-one years ago.

At the ceremony of laying the corner stone, Past Grand Master, Ivan W. Goodner, delivered an address which we have read with much interest and profit, and which is, taken all in all, an excellent and thoughtful production.

There is also an attractive picture of the Baptist church at Nermillion, where the first Communication of the Grand Lodge was held.



In a carefully prepared address, Grand Master, Brookman makes a very full accounting of his official acts, during the year. He reports having issued dispensations for the formation of five new lodges, and of having authorized the constitution of two chartered lodges.

The Grand Master's decisions and special dispensations were all approved. One of these decisions is to the effect that "a lodge under dispensation has no right to receive an application for affiliation," but since the lodge under dispensation can perform the highest function of a lodge—making Masons—it seems unreasonable to forbid its taking one already a Mason, but homeless, to its membership. There may be reason for this, but we cannot see it.

The report of the Grand Secretary, Brother George A. Pettigrew, is a very full and interesting history of the present condition of the Craft. From it we can see that the South Dakota Fraternity is in a highly prosperous condition, having 108 lodges and a total membership of 6,336, a net gain of 383.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was duly recognized as a sovereign Grand Lodge within its own jurisdiction.

A very interesting paper is that of Brother S. A. Brown, M. D. entitled. "Our Masonic Genealogy," in which he shows very clearly, that nearly all the Lodges of the United States sprang from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. After giving the history of the formation of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Brother Brown says:

For some reason, supported by the fact that up to that time Scotland did not officially number her Lodges, there have been many who contended that North Carolina Masonry is Scotch.

In 1813 the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was formed of eight North Carolina Lodges; in 1821 that of Missouri was formed of three Tennessee Lodges; in 1844 that of Iowa was formed of four Missouri Lodges, and in 1875 our Grand Lodge was formed of five Iowa Lodges, of which our own Minnehaha Lodge No. 5, was and is one.

Our North Carolina Brethren are accustomed now to say that their



Grand Lodge is but the reorganization of Joseph Montfort's, which as we have seen was the Grand Lodge of America.

If we assume that this is the correct view we shall find that the appointment of Brother Montfort as "Grand Master of and for America" was a strikingly prophetic designation, for a glance at the rough diagram, what I have had prepared, will disclose the fact that the nucleus, then formed, has expanded and multiplied until it covers almost the whole area of the United States.

The shaded portions of the map or diagram represent the field now covered by the Masonic descendants of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and the original Grand Lodge of America.

In South Dakota, as elsewhere the good women of the order of "The Eastern Star" have, by their good works in behalf of suffering humanity, won the respect and admiration of the Masonic fraternity. In evidence of this high esteem, the Grand Lodge adopted the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That to the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of South Dakota, we extend our fraternal greetings, and have confidence that their present meeting will be one of profit, as well as pleasure to those in attendance.

*Resolved*, That so much of these resolutions as relate to the Order of the Eastern Star be forthwith transmitted to them.

The Report on Correspondence is prepared by Brother S. A. Brown, and is a review of fifty-six Grand Lodges, covering 141 pages of the volume.

Brother Brown has made the Craft of his own jurisdiction his special debtors, in giving them an intelligent and attractive story of the present condition of Masonry in all English Speaking countries; and he has besides, put himself to much trouble to present an intelligent review of Latin American Masonry, as it is today. We regret exceedingly that the North Carolina transactions failed to reach his hands.

Discussing with Brother Wroth of New Mexico, the liquor question and the means of having more earnest attendance in lodge meetings, he makes some observations to which we readily subscribe:

He does not believe in liquor legislation, believing that the man

behind the bar is no worse necessarily than the man in front of it. Those who take the opposite view have a hard proposition to defend. It is hard either way. For our own part we do not wish to be extreme either way. The liquor evil is a serious evil and demands the most thoughtful consideration.

Like this writer he thinks that a Scottish Rite Mason is a real Mason and entitled to personal consideration at least if not to have his organization recognized as regular.

He believes in having more going on in Lodge rooms than the conferring of degrees. Social functions, papers, discussions, lectures, feeds—something to interest the Brethren. In referring to a Lodge that he knows of he speaks of these things and how such a course prevented dismissions except for removals. In our own Lodge the best attended meetings have been those where a special paper had been announced.

ROBERT H. MCCAUGHEY, *M. W. Grand Master.*

GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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#### TENNESSEE—1906.

92ND ANNUAL.

NASHVILLE.

JAN. 31.

THE portrait of the incoming Grand Master, Robert Burrow, forms the frontispiece of the volume.

An unusual occurrence was the presentation of a signet ring to the Grand Lodge, which was constructed according to the plan and at the expense of Past Grand Master Americus G. Warr. The presentation speech was made by Past Grand Master Wilbur F. Foster, who gave the following description of the ring and its meaning:

On its inner surface are inscribed the words, "To the M. W. Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Tennessee, from A. V. Warr, P. G. M. 5906." On the bezel, or face forming the seal, are engraved a point within a circle bounded by two parallel lines, and surmounted by the Holy Bible. Full well do you know the symbolic meaning of that familiar emblem. If the gift be accepted, it is the wish of Brother Warr that this ring be always in the keeping of the presiding Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and be used by him as his private seal while in office, and at the end of his official term be by him transmitted to his successor with appropriate injunctions, as a part of the ceremony of installation of the Grand Master of Masons of Tennessee so long as this ring shall last.

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In the roll of the Masonic dead, Grand Master, James W. Irwin, refers to the passing of Brother Thomas A. Hamilton, the Senior Past Grand Master of the jurisdiction.

Many pages of the volume are given to the report of routine acts, visitations and other ceremonials. His official rulings cover six pages, and number thirty-nine. They received the general endorsement of the Committee on Jurisprudence. He notes an unfounded complaint by a North Carolina lodge, of territorial encroachment by a Tennessee lodge; which was referred to Grand Master Liddell of North Carolina, and by him was properly adjusted.

The Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home has an enthusiastic friend in Brother Irwin, and in behalf of that institution, he issued a stirring appeal to the Fraternity to make contributions on St. John's Day, June 24th, to the endowment fund of the Home. This fund now amounts to \$22,483.45, and it is probable that the Grand Lodge will annually contribute \$1,000 more for this same purpose. The present Home is deemed to be unsuitable for its purposes, and the Grand Lodge has in view, the purchase of a more desirable location, and to that end, has appointed a committee to investigate thoroughly the possibilities, and report to the next Annual Communication. The following extract from the report of the Board of Control of the Widows and Orphans' Home, shows that the per capita cost of maintenance is comparatively small, in fact, the cheapest of all the institutions of this kind:

Average number of residents for the year, 133 2-3.

Average cost per year for each person, \$94.60.

This shows a decrease over last year's per capita of \$6.05. If \$1,542.45 for improvements and extraordinary expenses be deducted the per capita would be \$83.07. If the actual expense of feeding and clothing alone is taken into consideration the expense per capita for 1905 is \$40.47.

The following obituary, by the Grand Secretary, Brother John B. Garrett, is calculated to provoke a smile, but the matter is too serious to be funny. It may be that

it had the salutary effect of giving backbone to the Committee on Dispensations. Brother Garrett says:

In the light of the morning and in the darkness of the night; in the flowering springtide and in the icy blasts of winter; in the glowing dawn of youth; in the vigor and promise of manhood and in the glory of ripe old age, the stern and insatiate Archer with unsparing hand strikes here and there, knowing no seasons, no time, no place.

Molino Lodge, No. 596, was born on January 31, 1896, and died December 31, 1905, aged nine years and eleven months.

During its existence it accumulated no jewels, no furniture, no home, nothing except a charter. It initiated seven, passed six and raised six Masons in all these years. It paid into the treasury of the Grand Lodge, for dues, fifty-one dollars and fifty cents, for fees thirty-eight dollars, a total of eighty-nine dollars and fifty cents, and drew as mileage and per diem during the same period about \$113 (the charter fee and assessment for the Widows and Orphans' Home not included).

These things are given you not to reflect on those old Lodges who have borne the heat and burden of the day and who are now distressed numerically because of having built up so many Lodges around them, but to show the folly of organizing more new ones which have but little hope and prospect of success.

It is gratifying to report, that the Committee on Dispensations and By-laws made close investigation of the petitions for the formation of new lodges and had the courage to report adversely in five out of six.

A special report of the Committee on Correspondence recommends that the request for recognition by the Grand Lodges of Queensland and Porto Rico be deferred for consideration until the next Annual Communication, and the recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The total number of Master Masons, Jan. 1, 1906 was 20,120, a net increase of 700. The number of lodges is 431.

In 100 pages of very fine print, Past Grand Master, Henry A. Chambers reviews the Proceedings of all the English speaking Grand Lodges, that have come to his hands. To the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1905 Brother Chambers gives partial and fraternal consideration, because he is himself a "Tar heel"

and loves to read these reports from the "Old North State." He quotes a part of the Proceedings, in making ex U. S. Senator, Matthew W. Ransom Master Mason and says:

The writer hereof served under Ransom in the great Civil War and must be pardoned for reproducing here this unique Masonic record of his old commander.

ROBERT BURROW, *M. W. Grand Master.*

JOHN B. GARRETT, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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# TASMANIA—1906.

15TH ANNUAL.

HOBART.

FEB. 23.

A NOTABLE action, which we find in the report of the Board of General Purposes, has reference to a circular order, addressed to Worshipful Masters, forbidding the reception of visitors from the young Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The address of the Grand Master, Hon. C. E. Davies, M. L. C., reviews every important matter relating to craft Masonry in the State of Tasmania. He makes this appeal for the enlargement of the benevolent fund:

It is noticeable that some of the larger and older city Lodges are building up very substantial reserves, for what particular object I am not in a position to state. While desirous of encouraging every Lodge to keep up a substantial reserve fund, there should be no hesitancy, when that is attained, in handing over the balance to increase our Fund of Benevolence, in which we all take such pride. This Fund cannot be made too imposing. It will be recognised by all that the greater the amount at the disposal of the Board of Benevolence, the more scope will be given to do good and assist in the practice of the great copestone of our Masonic structure.

There are many ways, if our Fund were sufficiently elastic, by which increased benefits to the members of the Fraternity might be distributed. I have been anxious to suggest for some time, and would be very glad if generally approved of, that some special encouragement be

offered to the sons or daughters of Masons by arranging for annual scholarships, one available in the North and one in the South for the special advantage of the sons or daughters of Masons.

With only twenty-nine lodges, and a membership perhaps of 1,500, it is a wonder that the fund of benevolence should have grown to 2,500 pounds sterling, notwithstanding the drains made upon it by regular annual grants to the needy.

Hon. C. E. Davies was reelected Grand Master for the eleventh time.

JOHN HAMILTON, *V. W. Grand Secretary.*

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TEXAS—1905.

70TH ANNUAL.

WACO.

DEC. 5.

THE pictorial adornments of this volume consist of photographs of Grand Master elect, S. M. Bradley, and Norton Moses, who was Grand Treasurer in 1877.

The address of Grand Master, A. W. Campbell, covering thirty-five pages, reviews everything of importance in his administration of the affairs of this imperial jurisdiction, and indicates that the office of Grand Master is no sinecure. He pays appropriate tribute to the Masonic dead of his own and other jurisdictions. He reports the constitution of twenty-two chartered lodges and the installation of their officers; he issued dispensations for the formation of ten new lodges, and for many and various other purposes.

Of the condition of the Craft of Texas, he has this satisfactory report to make:

Masonry in Texas has never enjoyed an era of greater material prosperity, more activity in the charity of its lodges and members, and happier growth in Masonic work, than that which has marked the year just drawing to a close. And especially, am I proud to note, from my personal knowledge, as well as the observation of others, that the subordi-



nate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are requiring a higher moral character and a loftier manhood of those who are desirous of participating in the mysteries of our ancient Order.

He makes acknowledgement of valuable services of the District Deputy Grand Masters in the discharge of their important and sometimes delicate duties.

He rendered thirty-five decisions, covering ten pages of the address, and they all met with the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence, except in a few, which had reference to the construction of local laws.

He reports the infliction of discipline upon one or two lodges, for infractions of jurisdictional law.

From the reports of the Grand Master, the directors and the superintendent of the Widow's and Orphan's Home, it is apparent, that this institution is doing very good work. Plans for new accommodations have been approved, and much of the money for that purpose has been contributed by Commanderies and Royal Arch Chapters, so that in a short time the present population will have more roomy quarters, and space for new applicants.

At present there are 158 children, and 12 aged widows amply provided for in the Home. From the report of the superintendent, Brother Frank Rainey, this extract is taken, as showing the practical side of the education given to the children:

3. The system of manual training for the boys was useful in many respects. The boys make a beginning at the age of eleven in the sloyd school, where they learn how to handle and use woodworking tools correctly, how to draw and make blue print, acquiring, as they go, some knowledge of the principles of mechanics, and then they are sent, after two or three sessions, down to the finishing department, where they are taught to do finish work in the planing mill room, such as cabinet work of all kinds, bedsteads, kitchen cabinets, tables, washstands, desks, flower stands, picture frames, ordinary bedroom dressers, etc. These find ready sale at the furniture stores, and among citizens generally. All the profits will be put in a bank and given to the boys at the end of the session, when they leave this institution, so that they may have some pocket change, as they go among strangers to depend upon their own exertions.



A very important part of this volume, which should be of interest to every Texas Mason, is the report of the Committee on Masonic History prepared by Brother William Bramlette, chairman of the Committee. This report goes back to the early history of Masonry, when the most prominent Masons were Indian fighters, and the makers of the history of those days.

The Report on Correspondence is the splendid work of Brother Thomas M. Matthews, M. D., and is an interesting review of the transactions of fifty-six Grand Lodges, six of them for two years, making sixty-two volumes which have come under the scrutiny of this skilled workman.

The transactions of North Carolina for 1905 received full consideration from Brother Matthews, and more than two pages of his valuable space. There is not a page of the one hundred and twenty-seven that does not furnish a subject worthy of reproduction. His conclusion addressed to the Masons of his own jurisdiction, particularly is beautifully written, and contains the noblest admonitions, and is well worth the reading by every Mason in the world.

As to the present condition of Masonry, throughout the world we take this extract from his introduction:

Never before, in the twenty years since we began writing these reports, has the Fraternity been so prosperous, nor has peace and harmony among the Craft been so universal, nor fewer elements of discord ejected into its life, than now. Each day, each month, each year, it is becoming more and more apparent that Freemasonry is fulfilling its high and Heaven-born mission of teaching to the nations the "Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man," and of uplifting and purifying man's moral character.

S. M. BRADLEY, *M. W. Grand Master.*

JOHN WATSON, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

## UTAH.—1906.

35TH ANNUAL.

SALT LAKE CITY.

JAN. 16.

THIS neat and handy volume of proceedings has the portraits of the Grand Master elect, S. W. Badcon and of Brother John William Guthrie, distinguished as being fifty years a Mason.

The address of the retiring Grand Master is a comparatively brief paper, in which he reports the Fraternity to be harmonious and prosperous; the relations with other jurisdictions to be entirely fraternal, and is notable in that it has no decisions to record. It is concerned, entirely with the domestic conditions of the Craft in Utah.

The report of the Grand Secretary, Brother Christopher Diehl, gives all the details of the condition of the Craft, as reported to his office. After the installation of the Grand Lodge Officers, the retiring Grand Master, in accordance with custom presented the signet ring to his successor, and appropriate speeches were made by each.

Immediately after the close of the Grand Lodge, the brethren partook of a banquet prepared by the local lodges.

Special Communications of the Grand Lodge were held on June 11th, and Dec. 5, 1905 for the purpose of laying corner stones of Masonic Temples in Ogden and Salt Lake City.

In this jurisdiction, there are eleven lodges, with a total membership of 1,270, a net gain of 57.

The Report on Correspondence, the thirtieth from his fertile pen is prepared by Brother Christopher Diehl, and like old wine, has a flavor of a veteran production. He reviews the transactions of fifty-six Grand Lodges, in 119 pages, and gives the Proceedings of North Carolina fraternal notice in over two pages.

He does not take to the "Tar heel" plan of referring constitutional amendments to the Subordinate Lodges for ratification, and prefers the Utah plan the better. It may be, but we believe that the Subordinate Lodges having

direct interest in these changes of the law, should have the opportunity of considering them. There would certainly be no danger of the members being carried off their feet as sometimes happens in the Grand Lodge. Good night!

SIDNEY WATSON BADCON, *M. W. Grand Master.*

CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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### VERMONT—1906.

119TH ANNUAL.

BURLINGTON.

JUNE 13.

THE portrait of the retiring Grand Master, Walter E. Ranger, occupies the flyleaf, and a biographical sketch indicates that he was and is a very useful Mason, a progressive citizen and an educator of high standing.

In his address, which is a carefully written Masonic paper, he gives a detailed report of his official doings.

To the fraternal dead of his own and other jurisdictions he offers a beautiful and eloquent tribute.

The condition of the Craft is represented to be eminently satisfactory, as will more fully appear by the following extract:

Throughout this jurisdiction there are abundant evidences of the worthy life of the Fraternity and of the wondrous power of Masonry to ennoble mankind. Everywhere there is a reverent appreciation of its sublime truths, its inspiring beauty and its vivifying spirit. In the conduct of life the brethren shadow forth Masonic ideals. Light shines brightly from our many altars. With hardly an exception, peace and prosperity reign everywhere.

Vermont has one Mason for every thirty inhabitants, or a Mason for every eight men of the lawful age. So far as I know, no sister jurisdiction excels us in Masonic strength, either in the number of Masons relative to population or in the sterling manhood of our Masonic citizenship.

The disaster to San Francisco appealed to the Craft of Vermont and lodges have contributed to the relief fund

besides the contribution made by the Grand Master, of which he says in part:

When news came of the catastrophe of the earthquake and fire that befell San Francisco, I assumed the responsibility of subscribing one hundred dollars as a contribution to the suffering people of the afflicted city. I drew an order on the Grand Treasurer for this amount in favor of the Burlington Branch of the Red Cross Society. I selected this means of distribution that our gift might be a part of the donation of the city of our Temple, not unaware of Masonic practice that the charity of our Order is not confined to its own members.

No decisions were rendered by the Grand Master, but he submits to the Grand Lodge the question which came before him as to whether a Masonic lodge should permit its hall to be used as a meeting place for Chapters of "The Eastern Star." This is his statement of the matter:

In this connection, I beg to submit a question for your consideration at this session, in accord with a request received by me from Rural Lodge, No. 29, and presented in the form of a resolution adopted May 9, 1906. In this lodge a dispute has arisen over the question of the legality of allowing chapters of the Eastern Star to occupy lodge rooms. I find even among well informed members of the craft an honest difference of opinion regarding the meaning of existing law on this question. In my opinion, much of the bitterness of this controversy and its continuance has been due to a want of positive assurance of what the law really is, sustained by statement so clear as to render misunderstanding impossible. That discord over this question may be prevented in the future, I recommend that action be taken at this time.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented an elaborate report on the subject, which was adopted as follows:

*Resolved*, That a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star may, with the consent of a lodge, occupy its hall for meetings.

Frequent conferences have been held during the year, the Grand Master states, for the purpose of providing for the erection of a Masonic Home, but it is probable that that matter is yet very far in the future.

Reports of the Grand Lecturer and of the District Dep-

uty Grand Masters confirm the statement of the Grand Master as to the excellent condition of the Fraternity. In this Grand Jurisdiction there are 103 Subordinate Lodges, having a membership of 11,802, and showing a net gain of 267 during the year.

The Report on Correspondence, profitably occupies 253 pages of the volume, and is, as usual, the excellent work of Brother Marsh O. Perkins, who presents a summary of things seen and heard in his annual journey through the Masonic realm. From Alabama to Wyoming he takes note of everything he deems desirable to report to his brethren of Vermont and the transactions of North Carolina for 1906 receive his fraternal consideration.

Of the questions which are discussed in the several Grand Lodges, Brother Perkins offers this summary in his conclusion:

While physical qualifications, or disqualifications, perpetual jurisdiction, ritual and kindred questions still present themselves for discussion, the one question that has excited the greatest discussion, during the past year or two, is that of the requirement of documentary evidence, as a factor of avouchment. Circumstances and local surroundings have made this discussion widespread, with a rapidly increasing consensus of opinion that the demands of self-protection require the adoption of measures, that have been held abhorrent for many years, and are still so held by conservative members of the Fraternity. The right of visitation by one entitled to the right, is not to be denied. The requirement of the fullest protection of the craft is equally undeniable. No form of avouchment is in itself infallible. But one, or more forms, may so supplement other forms, that the rights of all may best be conserved. This was recognized in the earliest history of the craft. It should be, and must be, so recognized by the craft of to-day. We would, therefore, again caution our brethren of Vermont against the admission of *any stranger* to a lodge without indisputable, conclusive evidence in some form, that he is entitled to the right of Masonic visitation. Lacking that, courteously dismiss him, even with an application of the boot, if need be—no true Son of Light will require it.

CHARLES A. CALDERWOOD, *M. W. Grand Master.*

HENRY H. ROSS, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

## VIRGINIA.—1906.

128TH ANNUAL.

RICHMOND.

FEB. 13.

**T**HIS volume is adorned with the likeness of K. Kemper, the incoming Grand Master, and contains the record of the three days Communication, a roster of the working lodges, and membership and a Report on Correspondence. Making altogether a volume that should be of extreme interest to Masons of Virginia.

The address of the retiring Grand Master, Thomas N. Davis, is a well written paper, of twenty-eight pages nearly, in which, he reports the important acts of his administration; he thus summarizes some of the duties of the Grand Master:

During the brief period the mantle of a long line of illustrious predecessors has rested upon my humble shoulders, I have come to the conclusion, first, that those who fail to win the prize of its exalted position are to be congratulated; for the duties appertaining are various, onerous, exacting; the problems submitted by zealous and confiding brethren, perplexing and puzzling, demanding for their solution the quick perception of the man of business, the analytical trend of the trained lawyer, the patient and sympathetic temperament of the good pastor, and, above all, the noblesse oblige, the royalty of his high station compels him to be a just, upright and impartial judge, even if he has to use the sword of his great prerogative to cut the Gordian knot which refuses to relax under the application of law, usage, or custom.

He reported twenty-nine decisions, having relation mostly to domestic law and usage, and they were approved by the Committee on the Grand Master's Address except the following:

\*22. That the ruling and governing Master has the right to declare any office vacant if the incumbent does not attend to the duties thereof by reason of non-attendance *without cause*.

The Committee's report, which we think is in accordance with common sense and Masonic law, expresses its disapproval in these words:



We approve, heartily, of every decision except No. 22, to which we respectfully dissent. We do not think it lies within the prerogative of the Master of a Lodge to declare any office vacant because the incumbent fails to attend, or neglects his duties. The brother thus neglecting his obligation or duty should have charges regularly preferred against him, and if guilty, removed by the Lodge or otherwise punished.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of six new lodges, which gave promise of growth and usefulness.

He reports the Masonic Home at Richmond to be doing excellent work, and urges that more funds be appropriated to its use.

Under the head of "Rough Ashlers," he gives some of his experiences, which are so humorously told that they should be read by every one who has the opportunity of doing so. We should be glad to print the whole of it, but we have room only for this extract:

If I published all verbal decisions given in Lodge rooms, on the trains, or in sitting as a committee of the whole after getting outside of the banquet, little space would be left for other matters. In fact, I do not officially report all written ones, for some cannot be published, and others are mentally retained as curiosities.

As of the latter class the following will illustrate: Can the previous question be called for in a Masonic Lodge? Yes, it can be—by the Master. Why is the first or foundation degree called the weaker part of Masonry? I did not know, and filibustered the question on the table. A wrathful brother asked what should be done when a good man and an eminent citizen was blackballed for spite? I replied that having lost the eminent citizen, to be sure and hold on to the black ball, as a lively black ball is sometimes the best by-law a Lodge can have. I was asked to put a quietus on a certain woman who is known as a chronic and an annoying beggar from Lodges and individual Masons. I spent some blue stacks of thought on the subject, and came to the conclusion that she had the actual privilege, if not the moral right, to thus solicit, provided her written applications were confined to her individual signature, and were without Masonic device, and suggested that suckers would not be born every minute if some one did not fish for them. Is a man 65 years old, and who is in good health and of sound mind, and able to do a good day's work, in his dotage? This inquiry from the border mountains of the Southwest, and stacked up to me so closely that it gave me pause, for I am particeps as to age; mind, at present writing, a little wabbly; *have* to do a good day's work, and as to health, am a man of



sorrow and acquainted with gripp, but, notwithstanding, I am yet short on enough of the scriptural evidences of decay so beautifully detailed in twelfth Ecclesiastes, that I finally opinioned that a man under the condition mentioned was not in his dotage, and, therefore, for that cause, should not be chloroformed. Is it lawful to permit a Mason who is an intelligent ritualist, but who has not served as Master or Warden, to confer the degrees under the supervision of the ruling and governing Master? Not desiring to incriminate myself, upon the advice of counsel, I declined to answer.

The Grand Secretary, Brother George W. Carrington reports the number of lodges to be 291, and the aggregate membership to be 16,981, a net increase of 1,135.

The Report on Correspondence is a review of sixty-two Grand Jurisdictions, covering 157 pages and is as usual, the excellent work of Brother Joseph William Eggleston, the chairman of the Committee.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1905, received fraternal notice, and more than the average space. He dissents from the ruling of Grand Master Liddell that a double hair lip is a physical disqualification, and he says that he had never before seen any reference to that defect and that he can see no reason why "it should render a man, in any sense, unfit." To this we would answer, that the owner of a double hair lip has such imperfect power of enunciation, that he can rarely make himself understood except to his most intimate acquaintances, and this inability to speak the word ought to operate for exclusion, as in the difficulty in giving the sign.

Brother Eggleston believes in the prerogative of the Grand Master to do as he likes, as is seen in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and some others as well as Virginia, but we cannot see our way to accepting his belief; however, we are agreed in so many essentials that we can very well differ in the question of prerogative.

KASCIUSKA KEMPER, *M. W. Grand Master.*

• GEORGE W. CARRINGTON, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA—1905-6.

THIS volume is adorned with the portrait of R. W. Brother Thomas Farquharson Jolly, and a photograph of Free Masons hall at Perth, headquarters of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

The record contains proceedings of the Grand Lodge in four Quarterly Communications, commencing July 28, 1905, and ending with the Communication of 27th of April, 1906. An inspection of the reports of the Board of General Purposes and Benevolence indicates very clearly that the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction have been earnest and zealous in advancing the interest of Masonry and humanity.

Among the dispensations granted is one for the purpose of initiating a minor, and to some American readers, this will be a surprise, but this procedure is not unusual in English and Colonial Lodges. It is called "Making a Mason of a Lewis," which means, initiating the minor son of a prominent Mason.

The ungenerous behavior of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in imposing hard conditions on the Grand Lodge of Western Australia has been a source of trouble to the brethren of the new Grand Lodge, but knowing that they are right, they are calmly awaiting the advent of a happier day. The Grand Master in his address, at the January Quarterly, makes the following statement of the relations with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and pays a loving tribute to the Scotch character:

I had hoped to have been able to report some progress towards union. One step has been taken—the coming over of another Scotch Lodge. We had expected that some arrangement might have been come to—even though the authorities in Edinburgh were obdurate. We thought that Australians would show their independence and do what they all feel—so, I believe, would be the best for Freemasonry—grasp the hand held out; but nothing official has been done. Our arm is growing a little weary; still the hand is held out and there is strength enough for a hearty grip when the hand is clasped. We cannot do without

Scotland. Where would the Empire be to-day without her Scotchmen—her soldiers, her statesmen, her engineers, her pushing active business men. Wherever you look they are guiding the destinies of the people and working out their own and others' good. Where would we be in this Grand Lodge without a Stevenson and a host of others who can pronounce without wincing "a right guid willie-waught," and who know how to enjoy themselves in a hearty and genial manner, and who can be trusted in times of adversity to act the part of a friend. To Scotland we say, we have tried all ways to woo you. Are you the shy but artful lassie who thinks the wooing comes but once, and should not be cut too short?

Beside the regular, persistent work of the Board of Benevolence to care for the needy and deserving, to whom, in the last six years about \$12,000 have been disbursed in relief, there is, at present a plan of creating a special fund, made up of voluntary contributions of Masonic bodies and individuals, the ultimate purpose of which is the erection of a Home, or the granting of annuities or both. And there were elected nine members from the Board of Benevolence to form the committee of management of the proposed fund.

There are seventy-eight constituent lodges with a membership of 3,684, showing a net increase of 162.

An altogether excellent Report on Correspondence, covering 119 pages, is the joint work of the Committee on Correspondence. We regret that the North Carolina volume did not reach the Committee, but we hope it will come under their observation next year. In its conclusion the Committee makes this unnecessary apology:

In placing this report before our brethren at home and abroad, we desire to point out that it is our first essay into the arena of Masonic criticism, and as such must possess those faults inseparable from youth and inexperience. For these, and for other errors of judgment that we may have committed, we ask kindly admonition in place of that harsh criticism which probably we deserve.

THE RIGHT REV. C. O. L. RILEY, D. D.,  
*Lord Bishop of Perth, M. W. Grand Master.*  
J. D. STEVENSON, R. W. *Grand Secretary.*

## WEST VIRGINIA—1905.

41ST ANNUAL.

CHARLESTON.

Nov. 15.

THE pictorial adornments consist of photographs of George W. McClintic, the Grand Master elect; of Past Grand Master, Hiram R. Howard, Grand Secretary; brother John J. Brown, distinguished for being the Secretary of his lodge, Morgantown Union No. 4, for thirty-six consecutive years; of Edwin L. Boggs, late Assistant Grand Secretary, and private Secretary to three successive governors of the State; and of Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary, George W. Atkinson in his judicial robes.

Brother Atkinson's ability and high character were recognized by President Roosevelt, and the ermine has naturally fallen on his shoulders.

Although having had a busy year, the Grand Master, L. H. Clark, condensed the report of his stewardship in the limit of less than thirteen pages.

He reports Masonry in West Virginia to be in the most prosperous condition, with an increase of four new lodges, and a healthy growth in membership.

Very many special dispensations were granted and proxies issued for Special Communications for the purpose of dedicating lodge rooms and laying corner stones.

The decisions of the Grand Master related to the physical qualification of candidates and the power of objection to initiation or advancement by lodges having concurrent jurisdiction. We approve these two, although we know they could not possibly pass in several jurisdictions:

(1). A profane who has lost the two last fingers of his right hand at the first joint is eligible for the Masonic degrees.

(2). A candidate who has lost the third finger of his left hand is eligible for the Mysteries of Freemasonry.

The most notable incident in the report is the "making a Mason at sight," of which he says:

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On the evening of Wednesday, October 25th, 1905, in the exercise of one of the prerogatives of the Grand Master of Masons, but by virtue of the ancient usages and landmarks of Freemasonry, I convened and opened an Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge, and with the assistance of its officers and the brethren present, I conferred the three degrees in Masonry "at sight" on William C. Yeaton, age forty-three, who is a resident of this Grand Jurisdiction.

At the invitation of Bramwell Lodge No. 45, the Emergent Communication was held in its lodge room at Bramwell, where we enjoyed their usual kindness and hospitality. I have known the candidate for a number of years, and his character and qualifications had been investigated carefully, and he was found worthy in every particular, conforming to all requirements of the craft, physically, mentally, and morally. The candidate had never applied to any lodge of Masons, and at my direction he signed and presented to me the regular petition used in our Grand Jurisdiction. The three degrees were conferred, one after the other, in the usual manner, the candidate receiving the lecture and charge at the end of each degree.

It does not seem clear to us that the recipient of this distinction at the hands of the Grand Master has ever entertained any purpose of becoming a Mason and that he yielded to the request of the Grand Master so as to enable that officer to continue a needless performance.

If this gentleman of mature years and in full possession of all the qualifications necessary to entitle him to admission had made his application in the usual form, he could have been made a Mason without all this display of empty prerogative.

The report of the present Grand Secretary, the last to be submitted by him, is a full accounting of matters which have passed under his official supervision.

The Report on Correspondence, the last to be made by the skillful hand of Brother G. W. Atkinson, who for twenty years past, has presided in this department of Masonic labor covers over three hundred pages of the volume, and reviews the transactions of sixty-three Grand Jurisdictions. This report in no wise differs in the breezy direct style with pungent criticism and hearty commendation as seemed to him appropriate, which characterized his previous reports.

The Proceedings of North Carolina for 1905 received kindly consideration and ample space from Brother Atkinson.

We rejoice with Brother Atkinson, in his political promotion, but we are really sorry to lose his influence and service, not alone to the Fraternity of West Virginia but to the Craft universal.

G. W. McCLINTIC, *M. W. Grand Master*.  
H. R. HOWARD, *R. W. Grand Secretary*.

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#### WISCONSIN—1906.

62ND ANNUAL.

MILWAUKEE.

JUNE 12.

**I**N a strong, well written address of about fifteen pages, without frills or furbelows, the Grand Master, Jesse C. Bradley gives a full account of his administration. He reports having issued seventy dispensations for various purposes and refers to one which he refused. The latter was an application from the "Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of The Enchanted Realm," to hold their meetings in the Masonic lodge room. His temperate comment of this request follows:

While not wishing to criticise the motives of that organization in any way, I am of the opinion that the proper place for Master Masons to promote sociability among Masons is in the Lodge room at the Lodge meetings and at social gatherings given under the auspices of the Lodge and not at the meetings of fantastically named organizations, which can only detract from the dignity of Masonry and from the interest in the work of the Blue Lodge.

He reports seven decisions, which to us appear to be in accord with good sense and Masonic law, but one of them was disapproved by the Jurisprudence Committee, the Grand Master holding that it was necessary to install officers who were reelected or reappointed.

He reports the condition of the Craft to be eminently satisfactory, but let him tell it himself:



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The records of the Grand Secretary show the number of Lodges reported as being 254, with a total membership of 22,118, a net gain of 867 for the year. Peace, harmony and prosperity have prevailed among the Craft in our jurisdiction, and the general condition of the Craft was never better than it is at present; for all of which we are deeply grateful. The report of the Grand Trustees shows the assets of this Grand Lodge as being a very comfortable sum and a splendid evidence of the careful financial policy which we have always endeavored to carry out. We have a sufficient sum of ready money for almost any emergency that may arise.

We think the Wisconsin plan of dispensing charity directly to the needy, at their homes, is better than that of building Homes, but, in time, they will have a Home also. This extract shows the good accomplished:

The records of the Grand Secretary show that this Grand Lodge disbursed for charity the past year the sum of \$1,799.50. \$1,297.00 of this amount was paid on orders drawn at the instance of the Committee on Charity for the various cases which were brought to their attention, and \$502.50 was expended by the Grand Master in emergency and special cases. I believe that every dollar of this money was spent wisely and well. A detailed account of these expenditures can be seen in the Grand Secretary's office.

On being advised of the calamity to San Francisco, the Grand Master took immediate steps towards aiding the sufferers, and the resulting contributions amounted to \$5,000.

Having been advised of innovations and interpolations in the ritual, he speaks thus dispassionately and firmly to the representatives of the Subordinate Lodges:

Worshipful Masters and all subordinate officers of the Lodge must understand that the ritual as taught by the Grand Lecturer is the Wisconsin work, approved and adopted by this Grand Lodge, and when imparted by the Grand Lecturer must be taught in the subordinate Lodges just as near letter perfect as it is possible to keep it. His authority for the work as imparted must not be questioned and his instructions relative to the work and conferring degrees must be followed to the letter.

He reports having received \$302.25, the proceeds of an



exhibition game of base ball between members of La Fayette Lodge, No. 265, and a team from Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 24 K. T., which sum was turned into the charity fund. Adverting to this, the Committee on distribution expressed the hope that "These sturdy warriors would soon meet again upon the diamond and develop a new Casey at the bat and further increase the charity fund of this Grand Lodge."

The following extract from the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, which was adopted is a move in the right direction for the care of the fatherless:

It is the duty of the Committee on Charity, by personal effort and by correspondence with the officers of Lodges, to endeavor to find homes for any destitute orphan children of Masonic parentage in this jurisdiction in respectable families, willing to adopt, care for and educate them, and to make all legal and needful regulations regarding such adoption.

It is the duty of the Secretary of each Lodge in this jurisdiction to report to the Committee on Charity the names, condition and needs of any destitute orphan children of Masonic parentage within the jurisdiction of this Lodge.

It is the duty of the Worshipful Master and Secretary of any Lodge in this jurisdiction, upon request of the Committee on Charity of the Grand Lodge, to endeavor to find homes in respectable families for orphan children said committee may have in charge.

At request of the Committee on Charity, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary shall draw orders on the Grand Treasurer, to be paid out of the charity fund for the necessary expenses in carrying out the foregoing provisions.

On recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was denied and the Grand Lodge of Alberta was welcomed as a legitimate and independent Grand Lodge of Masons.

The number of lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction is 254 having a total membership of 22,118, a net gain of 867.

The Report on Correspondence is the work of Brother Aldro Jenks, and covers 178 pages, or about one-half of the volume. It goes without saying that these scholarly reports are of great value to the Craft, and bring distinction to Brother

Jenks and to his Grand Lodge. The Proceedings of North Carolina for 1906, are reviewed in the usual able and fraternal spirit and Brother Jenks smiles at the resolution of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina requiring railways to make a reduction in rates and he wonders how they are going to put their requirements into force. Discussing in his conclusion the requirement of documentary evidence as a prerequisite to visitation Brother Jenks is not disturbed and expresses himself as follows:

The subject receiving most attention during the year in sister Grand Lodges is that of requiring documentary evidence of Masonic standing on the part of those desiring to visit Lodges. About one-fifth of the Grand Lodges in the United States require some kind of a certificate under the seal of some Lodge, together with a certificate from some recognized Grand Lodge vouching for the regularity of the Lodge issuing the certificate. This movement is made because of the number of clandestine Lodges existing in the United States and the supposedly large number of spurious Masons endeavoring to foist themselves upon the Craft. That a necessity for such a requirement may exist in some quarters is possible, nevertheless it has seemed to the writer that our brethren are over anxious and somewhat hysterical on the subject. The writer has been a Mason for over thirty years and during that time he has never known of a case of a spurious Mason or one affiliated with a clandestine Lodge being admitted as a visitor.

EDWIN J. FARR, *M. W. Grand Master.*

WILLIAM W. PERRY, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

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THE portrait of Grand Master elect, Peter S. Cook, occupies the fly leaf.

Two Special Communications of the Grand Lodge under the personal supervision of the Grand Master, were held for the purpose of laying corner stones.

After extending a welcome to the members of the Grand Lodge, and congratulating the Fraternity upon the

abounding prosperity which prevails throughout the country, the Grand Master, M. R. Johnston paid a tender and eloquent tribute to the Masonic dead.

He reported numerous official visits, but not so many as he wished, but those were full of pleasure to himself and profit to the lodges.

Thirteen rulings were reported, and to us, they seem to be in accordance with Masonic law, and were so stamped by the Grand Lodge through the adoption of favorable report of its Committee on Jurisprudence.

He reports having issued dispensations for the formation of two new lodges.

Under the head of Recommendations, he states that it had come to his knowledge, that a clandestine lodge, known as Elah Military Lodge, No. 38, had been established at Fort McKenzie under a charter from the spurious Grand Lodge of Missouri, and recommends that action be taken to prevent the imposition of these frauds upon the Craft. In accordance with his suggestion the following amendment to the By-laws was adopted:

*Resolved*, That Section 86 of Grand Lodge by-laws be amended by adding "And such documentary evidence shall consist of a card or certificate of good standing signed by the Secretary of the Lodge of which the brother is a member, with the seal attached, and the regularity of said Lodge certified to by the Grand Secretary of the Jurisdiction in which such Lodge is located.

The Grand Lodge of Wyoming has in view, sometime in the future, the erection of a Masonic Home. The project is still without form, but a committee of three was appointed to give shape to the plan, and report at the next Communication.

The report of the Grand Secretary, W. L. Kuykendall, is compact, but comprehensive, and that together with the report of Grand Treasurer indicates that the financial condition of the Grand Lodge is satisfactory.

Through report and recommendation of the Committee

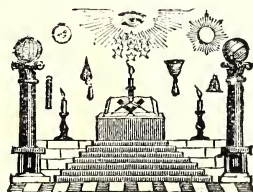
on Correspondence, the Grand Lodge of Alberta was duly recognized, as was also the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, of which Sir Gerard Smith was the first Grand Master. The request of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was laid over until the next Annual Communication, and the applications of the Grand Lodges of Costa Rico, Porto Rico, Guatemala and Valle de Mexico were referred for future consideration.

There are 24 Subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, with a total membership of 1,809, showing a net increase of 142.

Within the space of 99 pages, Brother W. L. Kuykendall gives us again one of his valuable Reports on Correspondence in which the legislation and important acts reported in the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, receive terse, fraternal and luminous comment. The transactions of North Carolina for 1906 receive the careful inspection of Brother Kuykendall, and we are of one mind with him that the corner stone of a bank building should not be laid with Masonic ceremonies.

PETER S. COOK, *M. W. Grand Master.*

W. L. KUYKENDALL, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*









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All communications should be addressed as above.	

### NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Raleigh, commencing at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., on the second Tuesday (14th day) of January, 1908.







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